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CZECHS STORM SUDETEN H.Q.

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SIX PERSONS WERE KILLED, INCLUDING A WOMAN, A POLICEMAN AND FOUR CIVILIANS, IN A FIERCE CLASH BETWEEN CZECH TROOPS WITH ARMOURD CARS AND MACHINEGUNS AND SUDETEN GERMANS FIRING FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS HERE YESTERDAY.

The fighting, which was witnessed by Reuter's special correspondent, lasted four hours, and centred round the Sudeten Deutsch headquarters.

The trouble began when police, with a warrant, went to search the headquarters. Members of the party refused to allow them to enter, barred the door and opened fire.

The Czech police threw a cordon round the area and armoured cars were brought up.

ULTIMATUM REFUSED

The Sudetens refused an ultimatum to surrender, whereupon police and troops stormed the building.

Those arrested, who were mainly young persons, included a number of girls.

All was apparently quiet early this morning in the area between the Czech and German frontier at Karlsbad, but every town and all strategic crossroads are picketed by Czech troops or police. — Reuter.

HABERSBIRK TRAGEDY

BERLIN, TO-DAY.
THIRTY SUDETEN GERMANS AND FIFTEEN CZECHS WERE KILLED IN CLASHES AT HABERSBIRK ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT QUOTED BY THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

The agency alleges that Czech police and soldiers in armoured cars opened machinegun fire on various points in the village, to which the Sudeten Germans replied.

Many were killed on both sides in the resulting clash, the report concludes. — Reuter.

Czechs Perturbed By Chamberlain Visit To Hitler

PRAGUE, TO-DAY.

IT IS NOW FELT IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA THAT THE CRISIS THREATENING EUROPE CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY WAR OR WHAT WILL AMOUNT TO AMPUTATION.

This is the reaction to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's decision to make a personal visit to Herr Hitler, which is regarded as one of the boldest and most dramatic developments in a situation already tense with drama.

It can frankly be said that this development is viewed in Prague with suspicion and anxiety, as it is felt in Czech quarters that any settlement will probably be, to a certain degree, at any rate, at the expense of Czecho-Slovakia.

Dr. Ernst Kundt, the chief Sudeten delegate, referring to the announcement of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Germany, said: "That is important news. All the rest is immaterial."

In London, Mr. Chamberlain's decision has had a different effect, meeting with the warm and universal approval of the morning newspapers, which pay tribute in glowing terms to the British Premier's courage and statesmanship.

SENSE OF RELIEF

"The Times," in an editorial, declares that the news will bring a sense of relief and profound satisfaction to all but the very few to whom any sort of intercourse with a dictator is incomprehensible and anathema.

"The visit," says the journal, "is in any case the culmination of the unremitting endeavour of the British Government to forward the work of conciliation and to check sinister developments."

SLEEPLESS SENTINEL

"People in London have been quick to recognise the admirable alertness with which the Prime Minister and his principal colleagues have followed every move and development in the last ten days, and to show by their appreciative cheers, the gratitude universally felt for those efforts, which in truth have earned for Great Britain the title to be called the 'sleepless sentinel of liberty and peace.'"

The "Daily Herald" says that Mr. Chamberlain has taken not only a bold but a supremely wise course. "It is an effort to stave off war, which has seemed to be growing dreadfully near, which must win sympathy everywhere, irrespective of party."

"There is no man or woman in the world who will not wish them well," the newspaper asserts.

RULE OF COMMONSENSE

The "Daily Mail" says: "It is to be a quiet and informal discussion between two statesmen who hold

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"The 'Daily Express' declares: 'Commonsense rules the land. When Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler sit down together, the armies of the nations that have been mobilising can stand at ease.'

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Nothing is better for you when you are tired through over-sunning yourself than to relax in a cool place.

Lie flat on the back with the legs stretched out, the arms resting easily at the sides, hands with the palms uppermost.

Then take a slow, deep breath. Exhale equally slowly, letting the chest and ribs descend, and record the sensation of gradually sinking down, down, down. Repeat several times.

Finally, here's a good exercise for a stiff neck.

Place the fingers, with the tips meeting, at the back of the neck, just above the place where the hair stops. Then, using a firm, gentle pressure, bring the fingers down and round to



meet again in the hollow of the throat. This is repeated six or seven times, keeping the head straight.

Then the fleshy shoulder muscles are "picked up" using a firm pressure, keeping the thumb in the hollow by the collar-bone, and working towards the arm. This is good for headaches.

tribulations endured that you will not regret having gone through them. Teaching, writing, brokeraging, playing some musical instrument, secretarial or hostess work may be the right starting point towards fame and fortune. You seemingly have smooth sailing ahead of you upon the matrimonial sea.

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What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

Little things are likely to prove disturbing elements in this day's affairs. Keep your ears open, for hearing is also an important factor in current events that might affect your day. In many ways this ought to be an auspicious period in which to put into effect plans, start selling campaigns and negotiate real estate sales and rentals. There may be a noticeable tendency on the part of people in positions of authority to procrastinate in matters calling for important decisions. In social circles temperamental people will be decidedly unpopular, if they display any pro-

pensity to allow some capricious humour to make them highy-tighty, or in the slightest degree snobbish. Married and engaged couples, and those under Cupid's magic spell must be careful that prejudice does not make them take an unfair stand this day, regarding some unimportant matter, for if they do a quarrel is liable to be started.

If a woman and September 15 is your birthday, after, perhaps travelling a thorny path, you will find yourself in a bed of roses. Your courage may be severely tried but it can stand any test, if you make up your mind to do so. Your ultimate reward will be proportionately so much greater than the

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

TAKE TO DRINKING MILK ON SPREES!

A few days ago in a popular social column of a leading New York paper this item appeared:

The pretty, blond debutante, Lesley Bogert of Newport, arrived at a popular night club after midnight last night with Prince Bertil, of Sweden, and a party of friends. The party all drank champagne with the exception of Miss Bogert, who followed the current debutante milk fad!

And there you have it. Society's younger, pampered darlings have more sense than you would believe! The majority of debutantes, past and present, are in their teens and they go to more parties in a week than you and I are likely to attend in a month or two months!

What would happen to the health and beauty of these young girls if they sipped cocktails and high balls at every party?

A large percentage of New York's debutantes have hopes of careers even as you and I. They are not going to jeopardize their chances of a successful career or a good marriage. They protect their beauty by getting plenty of rest—even if they have to sleep in daytime hours—and by carefully watching what they eat and drink. **Proper Diet Necessary To Beauty**

Young beauty, it is true, can stand a lot more wear and tear than older beauty. Nature does allow a quick rejuvenation of tired tissue, and muscles of the youthful body naturally have greater duration of strength. That is why many younger girls feel that they can eat and drink what they desire, and sleep when they want to, without losing any of their fresh beauty.

They rely on strong facial muscles, unstrained tissue, and other youthful assets, to see them through. But woe to those who do not realise that nature demands consideration or she just falls down on her job! Those girls find themselves tired looking at twenty, and completely faded by thirty when any American girl should be her most beautiful!

Witty Kitty



You no longer are of the younger generation if you admit to feeling that way the morning after the night before.

What you feed your body with is of primary importance. From milk—which is almost the perfect food—your body can draw nourishment and provide strength. It is one of the most important items of any girl's diet unless she is allergic to it. It keeps the bloom in her cheeks, wards off tooth decay and other diseases, keeps her bones strong and her eyes clear.

How much wiser for young girls to sip milk at parties than to dull their senses, and poison their blood with strong drinks. I'm no grundy, girls, but my hat goes off to Miss Bogert and girls like her who plan for the future!



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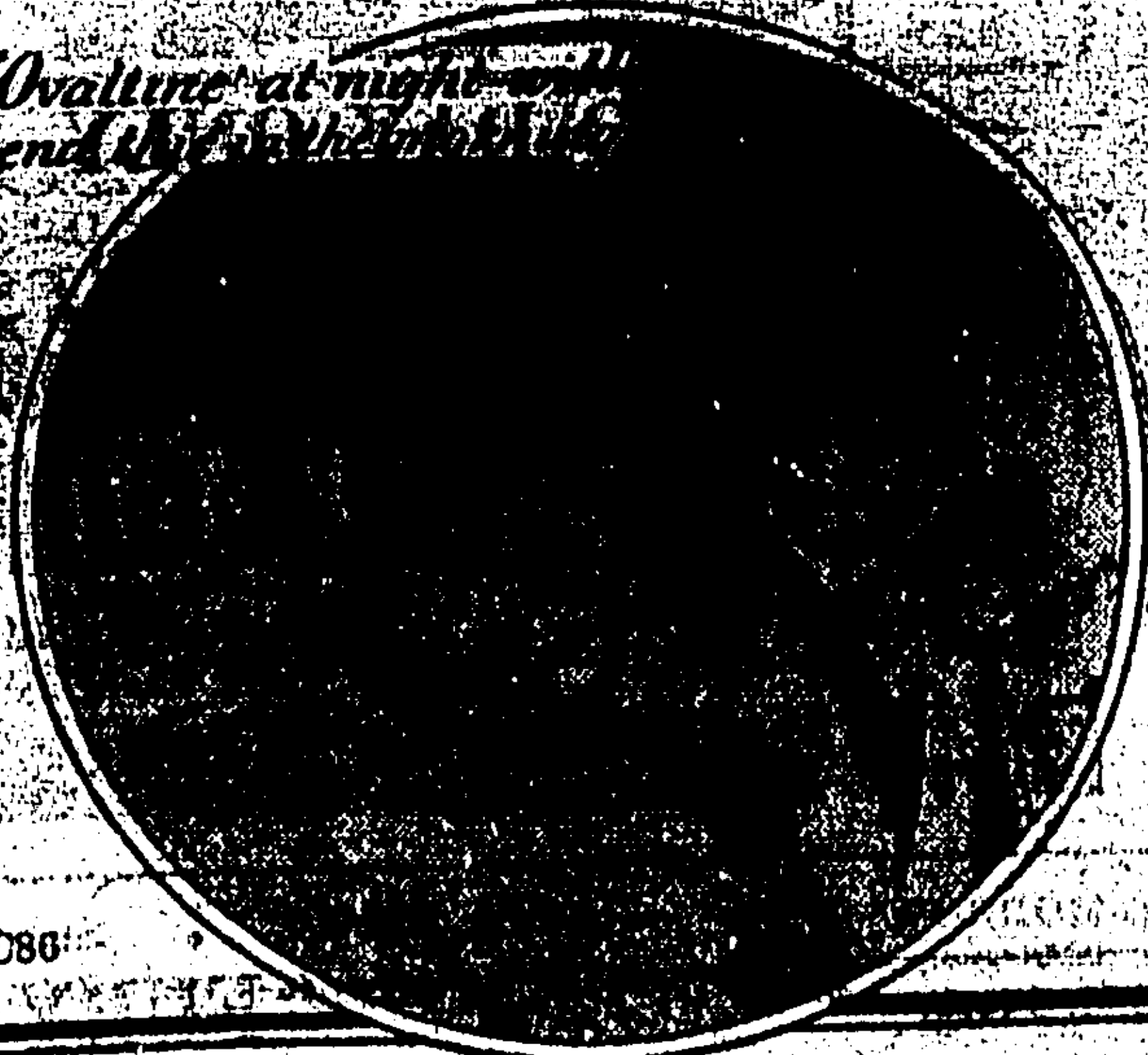
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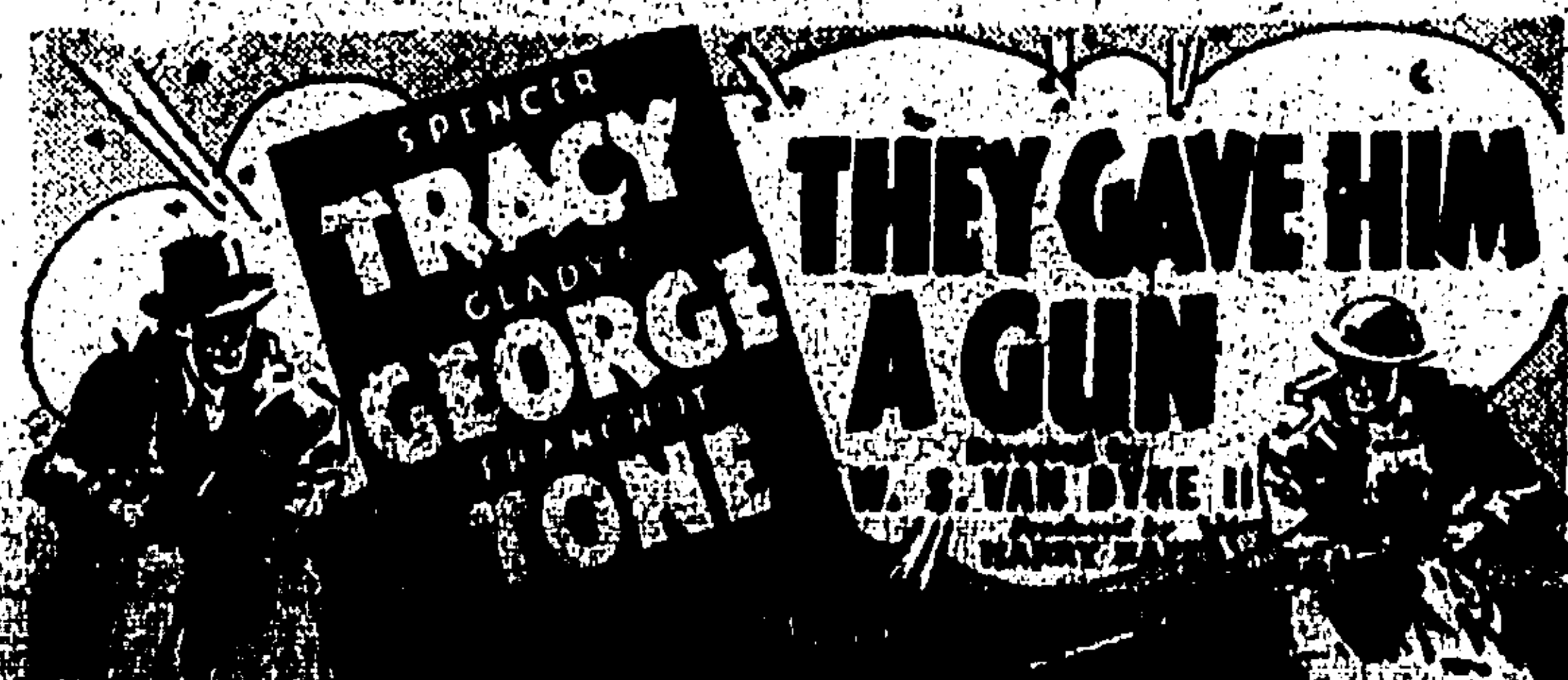
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MEDIATOR'S CALL UPON HERR HENLEIN

PRAGUE, TO-DAY.

DETAILS OF A MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY BETWEEN HERR KONRAD HENLEIN AND MEMBERS OF LORD RUNCIMAN'S STAFF WERE MADE KNOWN IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUDETEN GERMAN PARTY.

Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin, according to this account, arrived in Asch in the afternoon where he was informed that Herr Henlein was not in the town, but that his Deputy, Dr. Frank, could be reached in Eger.

The three members of Lord Runciman's staff thereupon drove to Eger where they had an interview with Dr. Frank.

In this interview, Frank again spoke of the urgent need of fulfilling the Party's demands and insisted that the Czech Government had brought about the present crisis by refusing to reply to these demands.

He said, however, that he was prepared to arrange for Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin to meet Konrad Henlein. This meeting then took place at Asch.

Herr Henlein drew attention to the growing toll of victims of the measures taken against the Sudetens and blamed the Czechoslovak Government for having in this way disrupted the negotiations.

He said, however, that immediate realisation of the Party's demands would create the possibility of a reopening of negotiations with the Government, whereby the basis of these new negotiations would not be the eight Karlsbad demands, but the right of the Sudetens to self-determination.—Trans-Ocean.

DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

The decree nisi awarded Mrs. Jean Elspeth Featherstone, otherwise known as Jean Elspeth Langley Levy, on April 3 last when she petitioned for divorce from Mr. Ernest Charles Featherstone, was made absolute at Divorce Court this morning.

The Acting Chief Justice, (Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, presided, while Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for petitioner.

KARL REIN RELEASED AND IN H.K.

The "China Mail" learns authoritatively that Karl Rein, the young German who was arrested on May 28 on Wongshe Station on suspicion of espionage, has been released by the Canton Government, and has arrived in Hong Kong.

It is understood that he is leaving for Germany by the first available boat.

MARTIAL LAW EXTENDED

Prague, To-day.

Deaths as result of the clashes in the Sudeten German region on Tuesday and yesterday have reached 23, according to an official Czech report issued last evening.

These include 10 Czech gendarmes, 2 Czech civilians, one soldier, 10 Sudeten Germans.

Those seriously wounded include 14 Sudeten Germans, 17 gendarmes, 24 Czech civilians, 15 police officials, 2 frontier guards and 3 soldiers.

It is emphasised that the casualties resulted in every case from attempts at insurrection by Sudeten Germans armed with fire-arms.

Order has been restored in all sections except in Schwaderbach.

The military court, it is emphasised in a report, will not consider the nationalities of accused in dealing with those guilty of inciting or participating in the clashes.

It is further announced that martial law has been extended to three other Sudeten German districts, namely Graslitz, Joachimsthal and Bischofteinitz.

Reports of serious clashes in Haberspink yesterday are denied, it being declared that the incidents took place on Tuesday, four Czech gendarmes and two Sudeten Germans being killed. Order was restored in Haberspink yesterday, according to an official report.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER NEAR HAINAN

Canton, To-day.

It is learned here that a Japanese aircraft-carrier, hitherto anchored off Tongkawan, is now lying off the coast about 80 miles from Hainan. The Japanese planes which bombed Kwelin, Liuchow and Wuchow on Tuesday are said to have come from this aircraft-carrier.—Central News.

CHARTERED BANK DIVIDEND

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China have received a cable from London stating:—The Board of Directors regret, owing to conditions prevailing in Far East, they only feel justified in declaring Interim Dividend for the half year ended 30th June last at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum less Income Tax payable 28th September.

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FRENCH TROOP TRAINS CONTINUE TO LEAVE PARIS FOR THE FRONTIER

Paris, To-day.

Precautions by the French Government have not been relaxed, and troop trains continue to leave for the frontier.

The authorities, beginning to-day, are delivering to every house a quantity of sand which will be used for the extinction of fires caused by incendiary bombs.

An order issued by the police states that each householder must supply a shovel and pail.

The civil authorities are also purchasing many gas masks from the military.

The various public services have been informed of the place in the provinces to which they must go in case of war, while others must remain in the capital.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAINS EMPTY WHITEHALL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AFTER THE CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY MORNING, IT WAS STATED THAT NO FURTHER MEETING HAD BEEN FIXED FOR THE AFTERNOON OR TO-DAY, BUT MINISTERS ARE REMAINING IN LONDON TO BE IMMEDIATELY WITHIN CALL AT NEED.

The President of the Board of Trade cancelled an engagement to speak at the annual dinner of the Institute of Journalists at Keswick last night.

There were no further formal ministerial consultations yesterday but various ministers called at No. 10, during the afternoon and evening to confer with the Prime Minister. Lord Halifax was with Mr. Chamberlain for an hour, and Sir Samuel Hoare made two visits in the course of the afternoon.

Downing Street was kept clear of crowds, which stood closely packed in Whitehall until dispersed by heavy rain in the evening.

AMERICA'S CLOSE INTEREST

Meanwhile, the U. S. Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, saw the Prime Minister for half an hour immediately after the meeting of the Cabinet, while the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, called at the Foreign Office in the evening and remained for an hour.—British Wireless.



SOVIET NAVAL MANOEUVRES

Moscow, To-day.

The annual manoeuvres of the Red Fleet will start shortly in the Black Sea, the Baltic and the Pacific.

Object of the manoeuvres will be to test the commanding personnel of the fleet, which was badly shaken by the recent purge which involved the execution of several admirals and the removal of others.—Reuter.

NO REAL SIGN WHETHER OR NOT CONCILIATION WILL PREVAIL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

YESTERDAY'S EVENING PAPERS PRINT THE LATEST NEWS DESPATCHES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, BUT NO CLEAR INDICATION IS TO BE DERIVED FROM THESE OFTEN CONFLICTING REPORTS ON WHETHER OR NOT CONCILIATION WILL PREVAIL.

Commenting on the situation, the "Evening News" says that events of the last 24 hours have seriously aggravated it, but declares they have not made a clash of arms inevitable.

The "Evening Standard" considers that when Herr Henlein's party broke off negotiations with the Government because their 6-hour ultimatum was not accepted, they created an obviously explosive situation, and adds that criticism cannot fairly be directed against the measures which the Czecho-Slovak Government authorities were bound to take to counter deliberate disorder.

TRUCE TO VIOLENCE

The "Star" insists that there is no reason why the situation, and resulting deaths in Czecho-Slovakia, which are reported to have reached a total since Herr Hitler's speech of nearly thirty, of which about half are Czechs, should lead to war, since in the view of the iron discipline of the Sudeten German Party, such a disturbance must have been sanctioned by the party and can be equally well brought to an end by a word from the same source.

The same point is made by the "Evening Standard", which declares that the immediate vital necessity is for a truce to violence, for which this paper believes it is

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legitimate to ask for Herr Hitler's good offices. Regret at the turn which events have taken since Herr Hitler's speech, and a desire to see the situation restored so that negotiations can proceed, are common to all comment, which in these respects undoubtedly reflects feeling in official quarters.—British Wireless.

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THE HON. MR. M. K. LO RECORDED HIS VOTE AGAINST THE NEW WATERWORKS BILL WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR A SECOND READING THIS AFTERNOON. IN THE COURSE OF A LENGTHY SPEECH, MR. LO CRITICISED THE PROPOSALS, CONTENTED THAT THE COLONY WAS BEING HEAVILY OVERCHARGED FOR WATER, AND QUOTED FIGURES SHOWING A PAPER PROFIT OF \$15,000,000 IN FIFTEEN YEARS.

Mr. M. K. Lo said:—Your Excellency: Our reaction to Government's solution of the Water problem must depend upon our point of view as to the history of this problem. If we consider that the water charges have been unreasonably low, and that the consumer has not shouldered his fair share of the financial burden of water supply, then we should accept Government's proposals, if not with enthusiasm, at least with resignation. But this, Sir, is not the view of those I have the honour to represent. I cannot persuade myself that it is the view of any considerable section of the community, or, indeed, that it is the view of anyone but the Water Authority!

Our view is that the charges for water supply in the Colony have for years been excessive, and have occasioned hardship and dissatisfaction in the community. A casual perusal of the Hansard Reports for the past few years will show that this subject has formed anxious representations by various Honourable members of this Council.

EXCESSIVE CHARGES

In the Budget Debates for the past two years, in which I had the honour to take part, I endeavoured to express the dissatisfaction of those whom I represent against the excessive water charges. And it will be recalled that in the Report of the Economic Commission, published in February, 1935, the Commissioners expressed the view that existing charges for water "may be fairly described as unreasonably high—clearly some relief here is overdue."

Such being the position, it is neither surprising that Government's proposals as contained in the Financial Secretary's original memorandum should be a great disappointment to the Chinese community, nor that this disappointment should not have been removed by the subsequent modifications of such proposals.

For, on a critical analysis, and despite their attractive appearance, what do these "modifications" in truth amount to? They amount to this:—

1. That the Financial Secretary had in his original estimate of expenditure erroneously included a sum of \$202,160.00 for Military Contribution on the interest payable in respect of the \$14,000,000.00 Loan, and that as in fact no Military Contribution was payable in respect of the interest on this Loan, it was decided that this surcharge should be utilised towards the reduction of 5 cents per unit for domestic supplies, and

2. That the 2 per cent. on "past capital expenditure out of General Revenue" should now be used to build up a Renewals Fund.

ACCOUNTING ERROR

The first "modification" is of course a mere correction of an accounting error; the second "modification", as I hope to show later in the course of my remarks, leaves entirely unanswered the objections raised against the original proposal. Although it is officially stated that "the proposals in the Financial Secretary's memorandum published last April have been considered in the light of the comments made on them by the District Watch Committee, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other bodies, and in the Press", the truth of the matter is that all the "comments"—at all events by the District Watch Committee and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce—have been entirely ignored by Government.

In setting out our objections to some of these proposals I deal first with a minor point, namely, the relative rates—On the abolition of free allowance, the present charges, the new charges, and the difference between them, for the different localities, are as follows:—

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\$1 less 15% = 85c.	45c.	40c.	
Rest of the Colony 50c.	= 42½c.	25c.	17½c.
Upper Levels 50c.	= 42½c.	35c.	7½c.

BY COMPARISON

It will be seen that the new charges are

free allowance the Peak charges, as compared with the existing charges, are to be reduced by 40 cents per thousand gallons, the rest of the Colony by 17½ cents, and the Upper Levels by 7½ cents only! On the face of it I cannot see how these new charges can be fair if the old relative rates were not inequitable. I do not say that the Peak charges are not high enough; I suggest that the rates for the rest of the Colony are not low enough, and I do say that the modifications of the relative rates are inequitable. I understand that the official answer is that the old charges of \$1.00 for the Peak, and 50 cents for the Upper Levels, less 15 per cent., mean nothing in practice because consumers in these districts are, as a whole, always within their free allowance, and so never had to pay any excess charges. But I fail to see how the assumption that the Peak and Upper Level residents do not exceed their free allowance can affect the point of my criticism, since the old rates were rates which they would have to pay if they did exceed the free allowance. But though in this, as in so many other matters regarding the question of water supply, the public is totally in the dark as regards figures supporting this contention I, for one, cannot accept this assumption. The Economic Commission's Report stated that in 1933 it was estimated that 32 per cent. of the metered properties did not exceed their valuation allowance, and I should like to know whether this percentage still holds good and, if so, whether the properties affected are wholly situated within the Peak and Upper Level districts.

This, as I have said, is only a minor point. The substantial question is whether the public has to pay under the new scheme more than under the existing system. If the former, the present scheme is not an alleviation but a burden.

POOR'S CONTRIBUTION

It is suggested that the poor in the Colony will pay less since, although free allowance has been abolished, they will pay at the rate of 25 cents per thousand gallons from the first gallon, instead of 42½ cents for excess water. But it seems clear to me that unless the consumption in relation to any particular assessed premises is very greatly in excess of the free allowance, the old rates are much more favourable. The free allowance is based on 40 cents per thousand gallons: it is obvious that in order to make the difference of 15 cents per thousand gallons count in favour of the consumer, the amount of gallons consumed in excess of the free allowance allowed must be very considerable. The inescapable fact remains that out of the 68 per cent. consumers who do exceed the free allowance, all whose excess consumption is at a rate insufficient to neutralise the effect of free allowance must pay more under the new scheme.

I therefore submit that, on the whole, it is more than likely that the consumer will pay more under the new scheme than he has been paying under the old.

MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

But this question, though important on the merits of the scheme, is not really fundamental; because once we accept, as I do, the principle that the consumer should pay for all current water charges, the question must assume a new form, not whether the new charges are higher than the old; but whether the new charges need be so high on the figures presented, and on the assumption that the consumer has to foot the bill. I propose to deal with this question, but before doing so I wish to dispose of one point, as to which I find myself in acute disagreement with the views of my Honourable friend the Financial Secretary.

In recommending to Government that the existing 2 per cent. rate—which has always been regarded by Government, as well as by the community, as a payment for a supply of water at the rate of 40 cents per thousand gallons up to a prescribed limit of supply—should be retained, but that the equivalent free supply should be

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REGULAR BATTLE OCCURS IN FALKENHAU RLY. STATION

Tanks Participate After Mob Seizes Police Station

Czech Losses In Disorders Heavier Than Sudetens

Prague, To-day.

A regular battle occurred near Falkenau railway station yesterday between Sudetens and Czech troops and gendarmerie, in which tanks were reported to have participated.

This is according to Sudeten headquarters, but the Czech Government states that all was quiet in the village.

Losses suffered by the gendarmerie were from ten to fifteen, and those of the Sudetens, which have not yet been counted, are believed to have been heavier.

According to a Sudeten communique, the trouble began in a fight between Communists and Sudetens. Gendarmerie, who attempted to separate the disputants without using weapons, were forced to withdraw to the police station, where they were attacked by the crowd.

A shot fired from the station drew a volley from the crowd, and finally the gendarmerie, endeavouring to escape, were shot down.

The population seized the police station, where weapons were stored, including machine-guns and grenades.

HEAVY TANKS

Later, more gendarmerie arrived, and opened fire, the Sudetens replying. Heavy tanks are reported to have been engaged.

An official communique issued by the Czech Government, however, flatly denies the Sudeten report and states that up to 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, all was calm in the village where the battle is supposed to have occurred.

Official quarters add that the Sudeten report must refer to the incident on Tuesday, in which four gendarmerie and two Sudetens were killed.

23 DEAD

An official broadcast states that 23 have been killed in the past two days, of whom 13 were Czechs and the rest Sudetens. Ten of the Czech casualties were police.

In the same period, 75 were injured, including 14 Germans, while 37 were seriously injured among the police.

Meanwhile, many Sudetens in the border districts are reported to have crossed the frontier into Germany. —Reuter.

ANOTHER VERSION

According to the version of the incident given by one of the wounded police, says Trans-Ocean, the first shot was not fired at the crowd. It was fired by one of the policemen named Bartos at his superior officer. This officer was a Slovak and had refused to give the order to fire on the crowd. The shot proved fatal.

After storming the police station the crowd took possession of the firearms and ammunition stored in the station. It included about forty cases of ammunition, several cases filled with handgrenades and also some machine-guns.

ARMED CARS
Shortly after the incident, had

occurred, police reinforcements arrived on the scene in motorcars from Falkenau and Zwodau. They immediately opened fire to which the now armed inhabitants replied. A number of persons were killed.

A later report on the situation in Aberspik reaching Eger at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, says that heavy armoured cars of the Czech army are advancing from two sides against the front defended by 2,000 Sudeten Germans. It is estimated that the gendarmerie has lost from ten to fifteen dead. The losses of the Sudeten Germans are considerably higher and have not yet been ascertained. —Trans-Ocean.

KING'S JOURNEY FROM BALMORAL

London, To-day.

The King left Balmoral last night for London, the change in His Majesty's plans being announced in an official statement issued early in the afternoon from Buckingham Palace, which said: "The King, who was proposing to travel south on Thursday night for the funeral of H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, has decided to proceed to London to-night in order to have further time for discussion on the international situation with his Ministers."

It is not yet known whether the King will be able to return to Balmoral on Friday night as originally planned. His decision will no doubt depend on developments in the international situation. — British Wireless.

LABOUR PARTY MEETING

London, To-day.

A meeting of those members of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party who are in London was held last evening, when the international situation was discussed.

A meeting of the full executive and of the executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party will be held this morning. — British Wireless.

DR. KUNDTS HODZA TALK DOES NOT TAKE PLACE

Prague, To-day.

Dr. Ernst Kundt, the chief Sudeten delegate, earlier reported to have arrived in Prague to see Dr. Milan Hodza, did not meet the Premier in the afternoon.

It is learned, in addition, that no arrangements have been made for the two leaders meeting. — Reuter.

TELFER SENT TO PRISON

The Police "Attempted Extortion Case" concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, when Lance-Sergeant Charles Hossack Telfer was found guilty and sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Lance-Sergeant Leung Chi was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, while 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Constables Mak Kong-ii and Sun Kui.

VIOLENT BERLIN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PRAGUE

Berlin, To-day.

Last night's German press was once again filled with violent accusations against Prague.

"Der Angriff" writes: "German soil in Czecho-Slovakia drinks in day by day the blood of its German sons, shed by miserable Czech intruders sent by Prague to drive the Germans from soil they have cultivated for centuries."

After speaking of the "un-chained Czech beast," the paper concludes:

"Who would be astonished if mad dogs were slain like mad dogs? German blood has been shed on German soil by a midget nation."

"The German soil on which this blood has flowed, will be united still more indissolubly with German blood and soil." — Reuter.

CAN HERR HITLER STOP WHAT HE HAS STARTED?

Berlin, To-day.

The fear that Hitler may have kindled a fire in Sudetenland which he may be unable to stamp out, is uppermost to-day in Germany, where official circles are hopeful that further incidents may be avoided.

There is danger that a really grave incident might lead Germany to despatch troops to protect the Sudetens, but ostensibly not to penetrate further than the predominantly Sudeten country.

H.K. PASSENGERS WERE ON SHIP THAT SANK

Three Hong Kong passengers

were aboard the Danish motor-

ship, Nippon, when she left

Hong Kong for Antwerp recent-

ly, and the local agents are

without information whether

the vessel was going into

Antwerp or leaving when she

was sunk in collision with a

French tanker yesterday.

As far as is known, no casual-

ties occurred as a result of the

mishap.

The reports reaching Hong

Kong merely stated that the

"Nippon" had been in collision,

had foundered, and that her

crew had been picked up after

taking to the boats.

The other vessel involved was

badly damaged but did not sink.

Otherwise, a universal desire to avoid hostilities is expressed not only by the general public but in official circles.

There is no doubt that armed intervention would be most unpopular with the general public, who nevertheless wholeheartedly sympathise with the Sudetens after the inspired press accounts attacking the Czechs and holding up the Sudetens as meek and blameless.

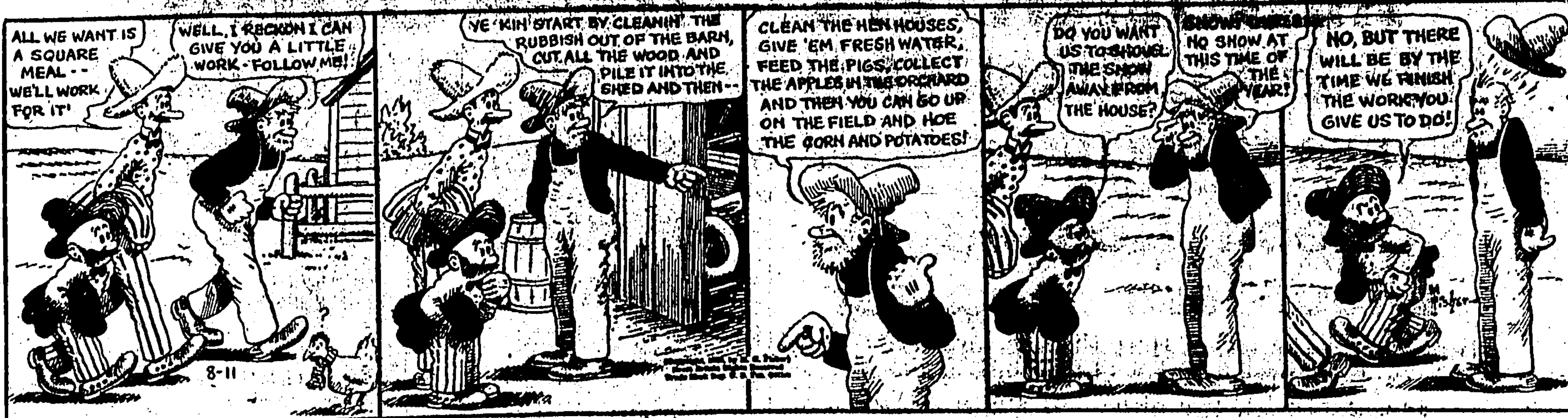
In other respects, the atmosphere seems quieter.

The incidents involving the killing of a German soldier and a Czech soldier are deplorable, but it is hoped that they do not change the actual political situation, though they greatly increase the tension of the atmosphere. — Reuter.

THE KING'S CONFIDENCE

London, To-day.

The King motored from Balmoral to Perth last night and before leaving by express for London, told the station master that he hoped to be back at Balmoral by Saturday. — Reuter.



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"I'll give you the world with a fence around it!" Fred cried, half laughing, half serious. "That's how much I love you. That's how much I want you."

Brenda smiled and took his hand in hers. He was such a dear, so good and kind and generous. No one had ever loved her more. No one would ever love her more.

"Give me yourself," she said. "That's all I really want, dear."

Fred had waited five years to hear those words. He had begun loving her before even then. He had hoped to make something of himself, to make himself worthy before proposing. A girl like Brenda needed things, wanted things that only money could buy. It was only natural. All girls were that way. And a girl as beautiful and good as Brenda—she could have her choice of a dozen men, men who were more able to provide those things than he.

He had tried so desperately to make money, to make himself worthy. But the breaks were against him. Three years and then another, and his advancement with the oil company was still maddeningly slow. Still, he was making enough for two to get along. Two ordinary people. He hadn't much hope when he asked her. It took him weeks to fully grasp the significance of her acceptance. He was deliciously happy. He was grateful. He had promised her the world with a fence around it. She would have it! He would make something of himself, no matter what!

Then in March of the second year, Fred got a surprise. He came into the office one day and found a note on his desk asking him to see his boss. He was a little fearful, a little doubtful, but he went in with his chin up, his conscience free.

"Fred, times are bad, but even so we couldn't help notice the way you've been working. That spirit deserves a reward, no matter the conditions. We're putting you in charge of our district office here. There'll be a thousand-dollar a year raise in pay."

The news stunned him. He walked home in a daze. When he told Brenda there were tears in her eyes. "Darling, you deserved it. You've worked hard, too hard. I wish I could say I loved you more, but I can't."

That spring they built a garage and bought new furniture for their bedroom and turned in their old car for a better one. Fred also built a picket fence around their front yard and painted it white. He wanted to buy more land and get Brenda a fur coat and add more rooms to the main house, but he couldn't. They'd have to wait. Waiting was hard, but it was worth it. If Brenda only could see it that way, too, and stick.

"Next year we'll build on," he promised her. "You can get a fur coat in the fall, and when spring comes we'll fix this place up so it will be presentable."

"It's presentable now," she cried. "What's wrong with it? What's wrong with you? Why do you want to have

By Meredith Scholl

They were married in June. Fred's father gave them for a wedding present the down payment on a small cottage and plot of ground on the edge of town. They moved into it, and found much joy and happiness in furnishing it and fixing up the grounds.

"This is nothing to what you're going to have," Fred said. "We'll have a place ten times as big as this, with ten times as much land."

"But, sweet, this is so cute. I'm happy here. I like it."

"She was pretty swell about it, all right. She was doing her part. Well, he'd do his. He attacked his job with a vengeance. He'd make them notice the world with a fence around it. My him! He'd make them give him more money."

But at the end of the first year he asked for and was refused a raise in pay. Times were bad. He was lucky to keep his job at all.

But he'd saved a little. This year they'd build a larger garden plot. They time he understood—understood that it built a screened-in porch on the front of the cottage. Fred made some window boxes. They managed to buy two new pieces of porch furniture.

"It isn't much," Fred apologized. "But we'll have more. Wait and see. I'll give you the world with a fence around it!"

"I think we have a lot," Brenda told him. "I think you've done fine. We've a lot to be grateful for."

Never a word of complaint. Always cheerful and encouraging. Fred almost hated himself. If she'd only wait. If she'd only stick by for another year or so, he'd prove how grateful he was.

The second year wasn't so very encouraging. Times picked up a little, but not enough to warrant raising salaries. Fred was depressed, unhappy. It seemed that no matter how hard he worked, it didn't avail him much. There was no

more, and more and more. Why not

relax and enjoy what he had? He detected a note of resignation in her tone, and he understood it, but he grinned. "I told you I'd give you the world with a fence around it. I'm going to."

She looked at him for a long time. Then she came close and took both his hands in hers.

"Darling, I think I'm beginning to understand at last. At first, the way you were sort of puzzled me. Now I see it plainly. She pointed toward the house, enclosed in its white picket fence. "Look," she said, "there it is, a fence around the world. Our world, all the world we want or need to be happy, so long as we're both in it. Don't you understand, my dear?"

Fred looked at his wife, then at the white picket fence, then back at his wife. He understood. For the first time he understood—understood that it was him she wanted, because she loved him, and that was all and for no other reason.

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LORD STANLEY ABLE TO SAIL

London, To-day.

A Winnipeg press message states that Lord Stanley, Dominion Secretary, who was the only Cabinet Minister not present at yesterday morning's meeting, is sailing on Saturday for England in the liner "Empress of Australia."—British Wireless.

PLEBISCITE RUMOURS

Some Cabinet Ministers Said In Favour

BUT GERMANY WOULD HAVE TO END WAR MANOEUVRES

London, To-day.

Rumours to the effect that France and Britain are exerting pressure on the Czecho-Slovak Government with the object of inducing it to accept a plebiscite solution are not confirmed in competent British circles.

These circles emphasise that nothing is known of a move of this kind. Nevertheless it is suggested from a trustworthy source that these rumours have some background of truth.

SUNSPOTS WON'T WORRY RADIO PHONE: NEW AERIAL DEVICE

London, To-day.

In a speech yesterday, the Postmaster General, Major Tryon, revealed that following consultations with the American telephone authorities, the Post Office is constructing a special radio receiving station to combat intense sunspot activity which is expected to interfere seriously with world radio communications in 1940.

He also announced the introduction, in a few weeks' time, of a new internal air mail service, which starting at Perth and calling at Newcastle and Yeadon—airport for Leeds and Bradford, will speed up considerably the delivery of mails from these districts to London.

NEW TECHNIQUE

The Post Office operates the whole of the long distance international telephone services by radio apparatus working on short wave length with the exception of one channel to America, which is working on long wavelength. Therefore the approaching period of sunspot activity has been viewed with grave concern by both the British and American authorities.

After long investigation the two administrations, working in close collaboration, have come to the conclusion that the adverse effects of sunspot activity can be offset to a great extent by adopting an entirely new technique in reception of short wave transmissions.

The new method is bound up chiefly with the use of a number of receiving aerials suitably spaced in the direction of incoming signals.

SITE IN KENT

The new type of receiving aerial system which has thus been evolved imposes very stringent conditions on the site suitable for erection of aerials. The present Post Office short wave receiving station at Baldock could not even approximately meet these conditions.

An extensive survey of south England was therefore made by means of maps to endeavour to locate what appeared to be suitable sites. Sites were then examined in detail, and Cooling Marsh, at Rochester, was finally selected as

It appears fairly certain that the idea of a plebiscite is being discussed in the circles closely connected with the Prime Minister. Even here, however, the realisation of this idea is regarded as being dependent upon two presuppositions:

(1) Upon the scheduled conclusion of the German manoeuvres as it is maintained that it cannot be expected of the Czechoslovakian Government to carry out a plebiscite under present conditions.

(2) Upon "the restoration of the hitherto exemplary discipline of the Sudeten Germans" in which case Britain would try to induce the Prague Government to abrogate the steps taken in the interest of security.

FRENCH VIEW

Apparently this line of thought has found favour in France too. It is considered here unlikely that the French Government would place obstacles in the way of its realisation provided some accord was reached regarding the manner of carrying out a plebiscite of this sort.

On the other hand, it seems that some members of the British Cabinet are opposed to this plan. Some younger members are credited with the view that it would mean going too far in the way of meeting Germany's demands.—Trans-Ocean.

CANING FOR SNATCHER

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Li Kau, 20, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes, when he was convicted of the theft of a gold neck chain from Miss Marie de Roza, of No. 7 Liberty Avenue, at Chater Road, last Friday evening.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is unchanged over North China, pressure is relatively low in the trough extending from Indo-China to the Carolines. Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh.

that which in all respects most nearly fulfilled all the required conditions.

The aerial system to be erected consists of sixteen separate aeriels, all erected in line in the direction of America, with the receiving building behind the aerial most remote from America.—British Wireless.

FRENCH CABINET RUMOURS

Paris, To-day.

The conferences between the French Prime Minister, M. Daladier, and numerous Party leaders yesterday, have led to revival of rumours of an impending extension of the Cabinet.

After receiving the Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum, and the leader of the extreme right Wing group, M. Louis Marin, the Premier was visited by the President of Security, M. Jeanney, and the former War Minister, M. Prieti.

It is believed that in the event of an international crisis the Cabinet will be extended to the left and the names of M. Leon Blum and the former Premier, M. Flandin, are being prominently mentioned.—Trans-Ocean.

EARL DE LA WARR RETURNING

London, To-day.

Earl de la Warr, Lord Privy Seal, who is leading the British delegation at the League assembly, is leaving by air for Geneva early this morning. Earl de la Warr returned from Geneva yesterday morning to attend the meeting of the Cabinet, and will fly back to London again should circumstances make this necessary.—British Wireless.

PLEBISCITE TALK IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Plebiscite talk in the Bourée circles are linked with a leading article in "Matin" in which it is pointed out that France has time and again gone to war to secure the right of self-determination for her own and other people. In view of this tradition, it would be impossible for France to espouse any other principle.

In analysing the problem, the paper states that the principle of state sovereignty and that of nationalities is clashing in Czechoslovakia, but since the Czechoslovak State owes its very existence to the latter principle, it will be difficult for it now to deny it to the Sudeten German group.

The "Journal Des Debats" warns against a plebiscite as a solution to the problem pointing out that it will merely create a precedent for numerous other minorities in Europe who are faring much worse than the Germans in Czechoslovakia.

The "Paris Soir" declares that certain informed circles in England favour the creation of an international policing system in Czechoslovakia composed of English, French and German officials.

The left wing organ, "Soir," opines that Herr Henlein will demand a plebiscite in the Sudeten German area and should this be denied he will proclaim the independence of the district.—Trans-Ocean.

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PEACE OR WAR?

This much can be said to bolster the hope that peace will yet be preserved in Europe, that until Germany commits herself beyond recall and lends military support to the Sudeten Germans, dangerously fired by Herr Hitler's Nuremberg speech, opportunity for mediation may be presumed to remain. Nevertheless, the outlook is as grave as it could possibly be, short of actual conflict. Whilst hoping most earnestly for the best, there has developed a growing feeling of helplessness, an uncomfortable conviction that inexorable pressures are leading the peoples of Europe to catastrophe. National honour and prestige have already loomed their fateful heads. The resolute action by, say, Britain and France, which might conceivably save the situation, might, on the other hand, merely provoke the war that it would be exerted to avoid. At the moment, the facts are very simple. The Czechs are prepared for war and on the other hand Hitler remains in a threatening attitude on the border. He knows that this proposition is a very different thing from the capture of Austria, and he is not at all sure of succeeding in a war. His brave words at Nuremberg do not mean necessarily that he is sure of himself. In fact it is possible that the future may not appear to be too rosy to Hitler. He has played a bold game and thus far played it successfully, but he has not yet met any European army and that, of course, must be the testing point of all his plans and efforts. He has not yet met a real soldier, and he cannot fulfil his full ambition until he has done this and established his own position in the world of arms. If he has the military gift and, as we say, is able to establish his standing, he will have Europe at his feet. He will have about Russia and

the prospect is certainly not a pleasant one; but there is little hope for Europe so long as the military idea holds the field. Every great Power is armed and is increasing its armaments. For a long time it has been only a simple sum of arithmetic to see how long such a policy could last. No one can say with any certainty in what direction events will now move. They can only say that the gravest responsibility rests upon Herr Hitler. The provocative actions of the Sudeten could never have occurred without the full approval of Nazi leaders. The six-hour ultimatum bore every appearance of another stage in a programme well defined. Acceptance would have involved complete surrender of sovereignty as well as every principle under discussion in the negotiations of the past months, and even then Prague's attitude in rejection was conciliatory. The extra police measures were taken in reply to demonstrations and rioting on a scale which foreign correspondents, who made personal observations, describe as organised and the reverse of spontaneous. For Prague to have backed out would have been fatal and futile. Only by Prague standing firm, and by France and Britain making it clear that they are not to be deluded into inactivity by exploitation of any German pretext for intervention, can any real hope exist that second thoughts will prevail to the satisfaction of Europe.

An Encouragement

It will not be the fault of Mr. Cordell Hull, the American Secretary of State, if his countrymen do not believe that we are all members one of another and that, whether they like it or not, they are and will be affected by the revolutionary tides that threaten now to sweep over what is to them the "outside" world. More persistently even than Mr. Roosevelt he tells them to mark what is happening elsewhere and what may follow it. Several times lately, he has said, in varying terms; The invasion of territory of sovereign States, destruction of lawfully constituted Governments and forcible seizure of hitherto independent political entities, and interference in the internal affairs of other nations, wholesale violation of established treaty obligations, attempts to adjust international differences by armed force—all these appalling manifestations of disintegration threaten the very foundations of our civilisation.

His second step is to say that the United States believes in a policy of law, self-restraint, economic reconstruction, and intellectual freedom. The third is to drive home the consequences to his own people of the present drift to anarchy.

When the dignity of the human soul is denied in great parts of the world and when that denial is made a slogan under which propaganda is set in motion and armies take the field no one of us can be sure that his country, or even his home, is safe.

Mr. Hull mentions no names, utters no threats, makes no promises. He is addressing his own people and, for the outside world, speaking in their name. He makes plain again where their sympathy lies and how their moral authority will be used in the present war of principles. What he says will be noted on both sides, and though little will be said, it may discourage the anarchists.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN TO VISIT HERR HITLER

Personal Meeting At Obersalzburg To-day

DRAMATIC EFFORT BY PRIME MINISTER TO WREST PEACE OUT OF CZECH CRISIS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, IS FLYING TO BERCHTESGADEN THIS MORNING TO SEE HERR HITLER, WAS OFFICIALLY MADE LAST NIGHT.

The announcement was the result of a message from Mr. Chamberlain to Herr Hitler reading: "In view of the increasingly critical situation, I propose to come over at once and see you, with a view to trying to find a peaceful solution.

"I propose to come across by air, and am ready to start to-morrow. Please indicate the earliest time at which you can see me, and suggest a place of meeting. I should be grateful for a very early reply."

Herr Hitler replied to the effect that he would be very ready to meet the Prime Minister to-day.

Mr. Chamberlain, who will be accompanied by Sir Horace Wilson and Mr. William Strang, of the Foreign Office, will leave Heston aerodrome at about 8.30 this morning. He is expected to reach Munich at about 1 p.m., and after a short halt, will then proceed to Berchtesgaden.

WORLDWIDE ADMIRATION

Mr. Chamberlain's enterprise in trying, by personal intervention, to calm the disordered international situation by dashing to Berchtesgaden, has captured worldwide admiration.

First reactions in Britain and abroad praise the imaginative and statesmanlike act, as proving a determination that if trouble comes, the blame will not lie at Britain's door.

The Premier is nearing his seventieth year, and as far as is known, has not flown before. He only recently had recovered from illness, and hence it is not surprising that his courage is warmly commended.

BREATHING SPACE?

The world will watch with extreme interest the meeting of the two statesmen of fundamentally opposite political ideas directly discussing the issues of war or peace.

It is hoped the visit will result in a general appeasement, and that at least a breathing space will be given Europe to find peaceful solutions and perhaps create an entirely new atmosphere.

AMERICAN AMAZEMENT

In Washington, amazement, amounting almost to disbelief, is registered in Government circles at the news of Mr. Chamberlain's dash to Germany.

Officials of the State Department had difficulty in maintaining their customary discretion in face of such an unprecedented step.

In Berlin, Mr. Chamberlain's decision has caused a sensation in Government and political circles.

A spokesman of the Wilhelmstrasse told Reuter: "We expect much of the visit in the interests of European peace."

RELIEF IN PARIS

"The Premier's offer was accepted in the same spirit as it was made. It is particularly appreciated here, and shows that Britain recognises the seriousness of the situation, which has reached a stage making a speedy settlement imperative."

The news of Mr. Chamberlain's visit was received in Paris with feelings of real relief.

It has now been revealed in the French capital that the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, had a long telephone conversation with Mr. Chamberlain yesterday, in which the two statesmen sought a means of fresh approach to the problem. — Reuter.

GERMAN COMMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The sensational news that the British Prime Minister is coming to Germany to discuss the situation with the Fuehrer was announced over all German radio stations at nine o'clock last evening, the regular programmes being interrupted for the announcement.

The eyes of the public and of all political and official circles have now turned towards the Obersalzberg where it is believed the course of action for the immediate future will be decided.

While emphasising the unusual importance of the meeting, political circles state that a satisfactory solution of the Sudeten German problem can only be found on the basis of self-determination and call attention to the French and British press statements to this effect. — Trans-Ocean.

MUSSOLINI'S SUGGESTION TO RUNCIMAN

Rome, To-day.

Lord Runciman is earnestly begged to propose to President Benes the holding of a plebiscite for all minorities in Czecho-Slovakia, in an article appearing in "Popolo d'Italia."

The article is believed to have been written by Signor Mussolini himself. — Reuter.

GREAT HOPE ROUSED

London, To-day.

Great Britain is to make a supreme bid for peace, declares the "Daily Telegraph" commenting this morning on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Germany.

The journal adds that, so courageous a departure from diplomatic precedents, deserves success, and the good wishes of everybody who has the appeasement of Europe at heart will accompany Mr. Chamberlain on his mission.

Face to face, and both realising the vastness of the interests that are at stake, it will be strange indeed if these two men, each of them with their nations behind him, cannot clear away all misunderstandings and cumbering antagonisms that hitherto have denied approach to a solution. — Reuter.

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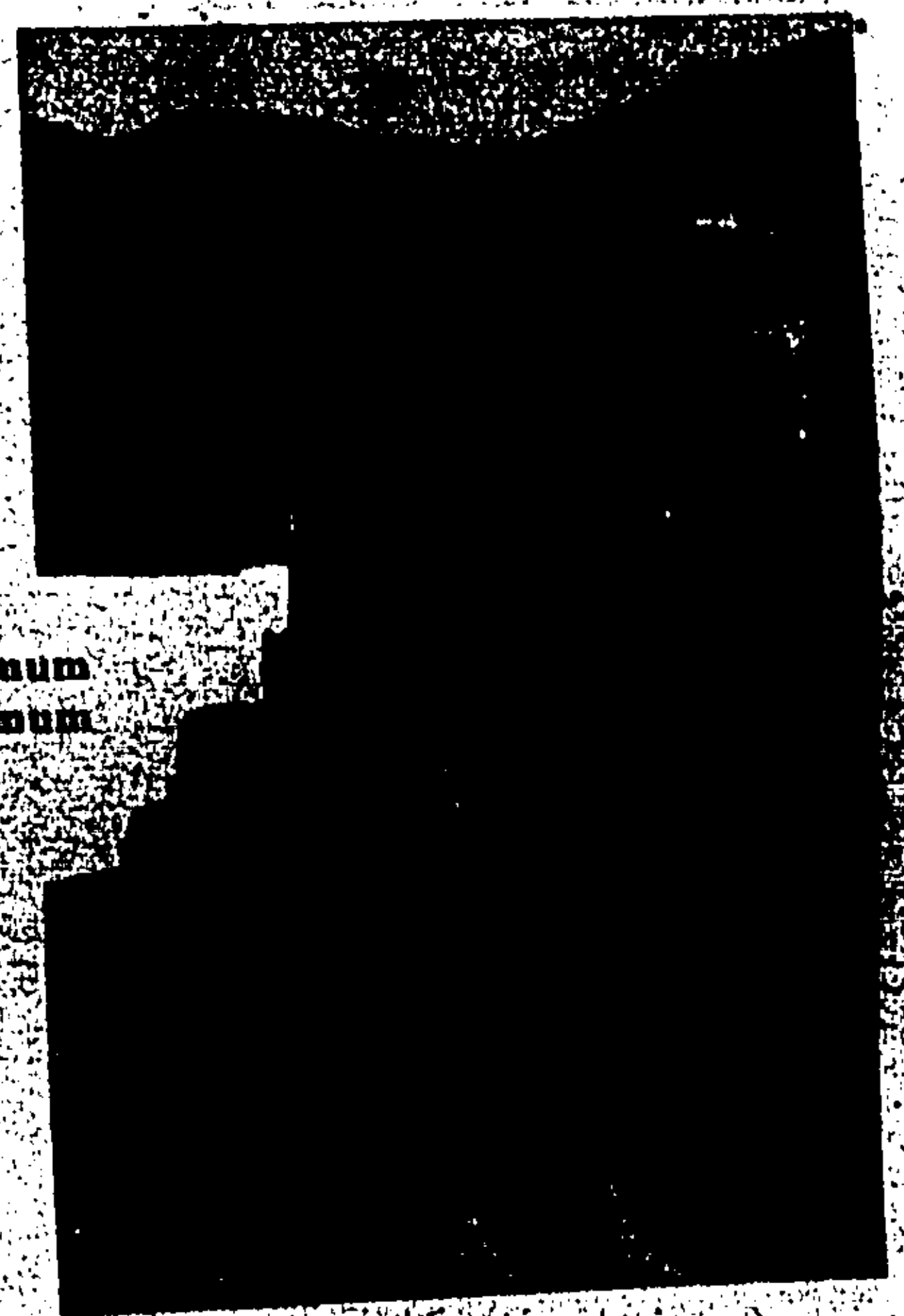
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Chinese Withdraw From Matow After Severe Battering

Hankow, To-day.

With their defences completely levelled to the ground by weeks of Japanese land, naval and aerial bombardments the Chinese troops are reported to have evacuated Matow, west of Jui-chang on the south bank of the Yangtze River.

However, they have taken up new positions in the hills outside the town, from where they are conveniently striking back at the Japanese.

Wusueh, an important town on the north bank of the Yangtze River opposite Matow, has also been reduced to utter ruins by continuous Japanese bombardments.

Despite their occupation of Sikuling, west of Singtze on the west shore of Poyang Lake, allegedly through use of poison gas, the Japanese are still unable to make progress in their drive on Tehan by the Singtze-Tehan highway.

A Chinese "suicide" regiment is holding them at the west foot of the hill. Chinese reinforcements are rushing up to help to check the Japanese advance.

TAPIEH THRUST

The Japanese thrust across the Tapiieh Mountains into southeast Honan is encountering stubborn resistance at Chunhopu and Shang-yukang, two small villages near Hwangchwang (Kwangchow), 30 miles southeast of Kueih in south-east Honan.

Shangcheng has been heavily bombed by Japanese planes.

Another Japanese column which has occupied Yehkiatsi and Fuchinshan on the Anhwei-Honan border is checked in the hills in the vi-

TEHAN BATTLE

The Japanese launched an unsuccessful attempt to break through the Chinese positions north of Tehan yesterday.

Thousands of fresh Japanese troops are pouring into the Kiukiang Front from Nanking and Anking, and additional reinforcements are being landed along the north-west bank of the Poyang Lake.—Our Own Correspondent.

HEAVY SINGTZE FIGHTING

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese forces to the south-west of Singtze are at present engaging the Japanese in the hills to the south of Sikuling, according to Chinese despatches.

It is also reported that the Japanese forces at Kwangtsi on the north bank are launching a vigorous attack on the Chinese positions to the west

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CHINA TAKES A BACK SEAT

Geneva, To-day.
It is reported that Britain and France have reached an agreement to postpone the Chinese appeal to the League until the end of next week.
The Czecho-Slovakian situation, which overshadows all other international problems, is the cause of the postponement.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S ROBBERY TOLL

Dr. Fabel Woodbrooke, of Pokfulam Road, has reported that someone entered his house and stole \$1,150 in Hong Kong banknotes. Mr. Meir, of the same address, also lost a wallet to the valued of \$9.

Seaman Whittle, of H.M.S. Otus, has reported the loss of a watch at the China Fleet Club, last night.

Mr. Talon, passenger in the President Grant, has reported the loss of \$200 in Chinese currency, from his cabin, while the ship was lying at the Kowloon wharf, about 9

ROOSEVELT TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOREIGN POLICY

Rochester (Minnesota), To-day.
President Roosevelt yesterday left the bedside of his son, James, who is lying ill here, to return to Washington, where he will take personal charge of foreign affairs.

His son is not yet out of danger after his serious operation, but the President took this decision after a long telephone conversation with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

President Roosevelt told the crowd at the railway station that he was going to the capital because "affairs in other parts of the world are extremely serious."—Reuter.

p.m. yesterday.
Tsang Fuk, aged 33, master of the Fuk Kee Dairy, in Kowloon City, has reported that at about 12.30 a.m. this morning, seven men entered his shop, armed with a dagger and revolver, and stole money and clothing to the valued of \$64.60. The men made their "get-away" quickly.

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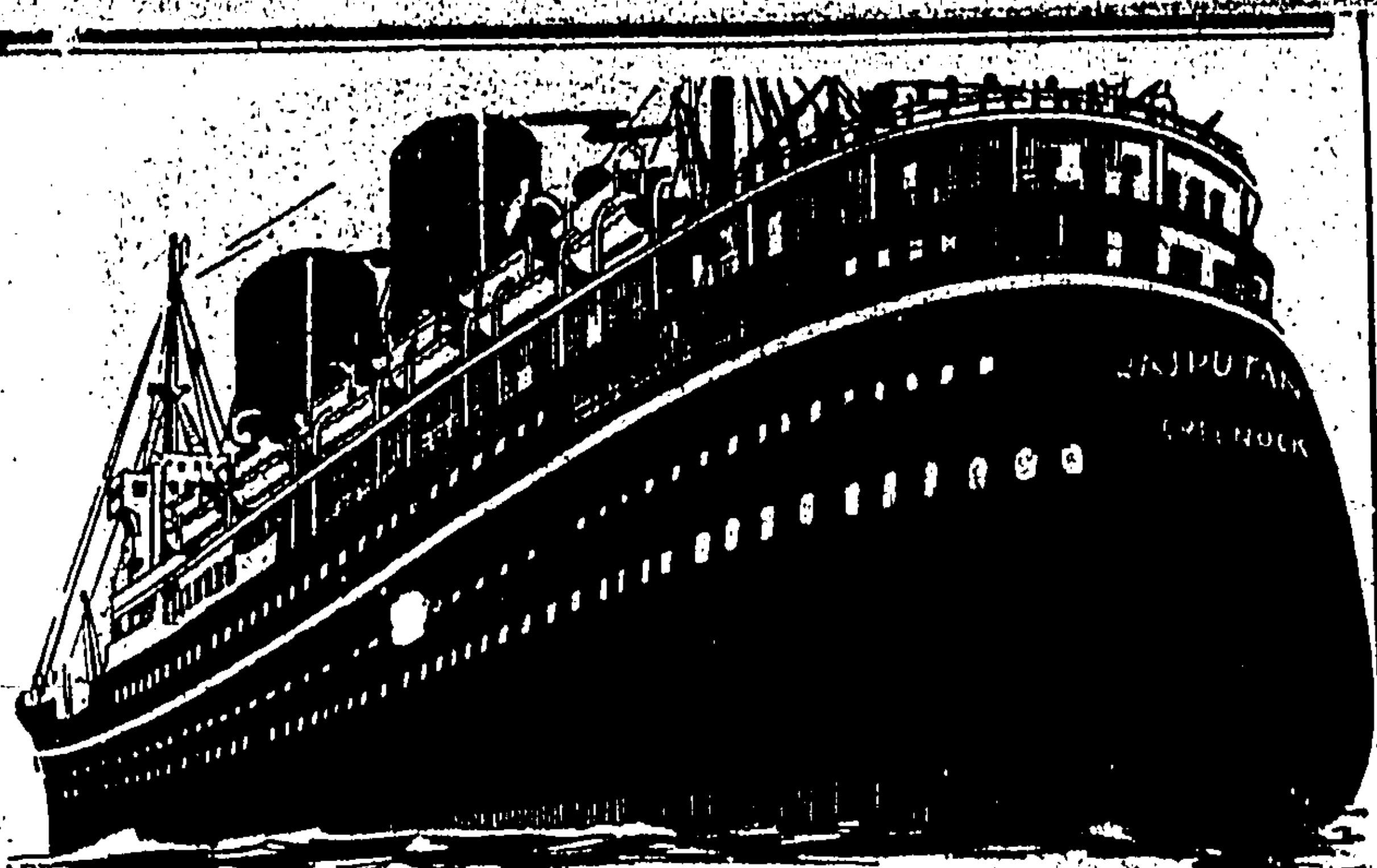
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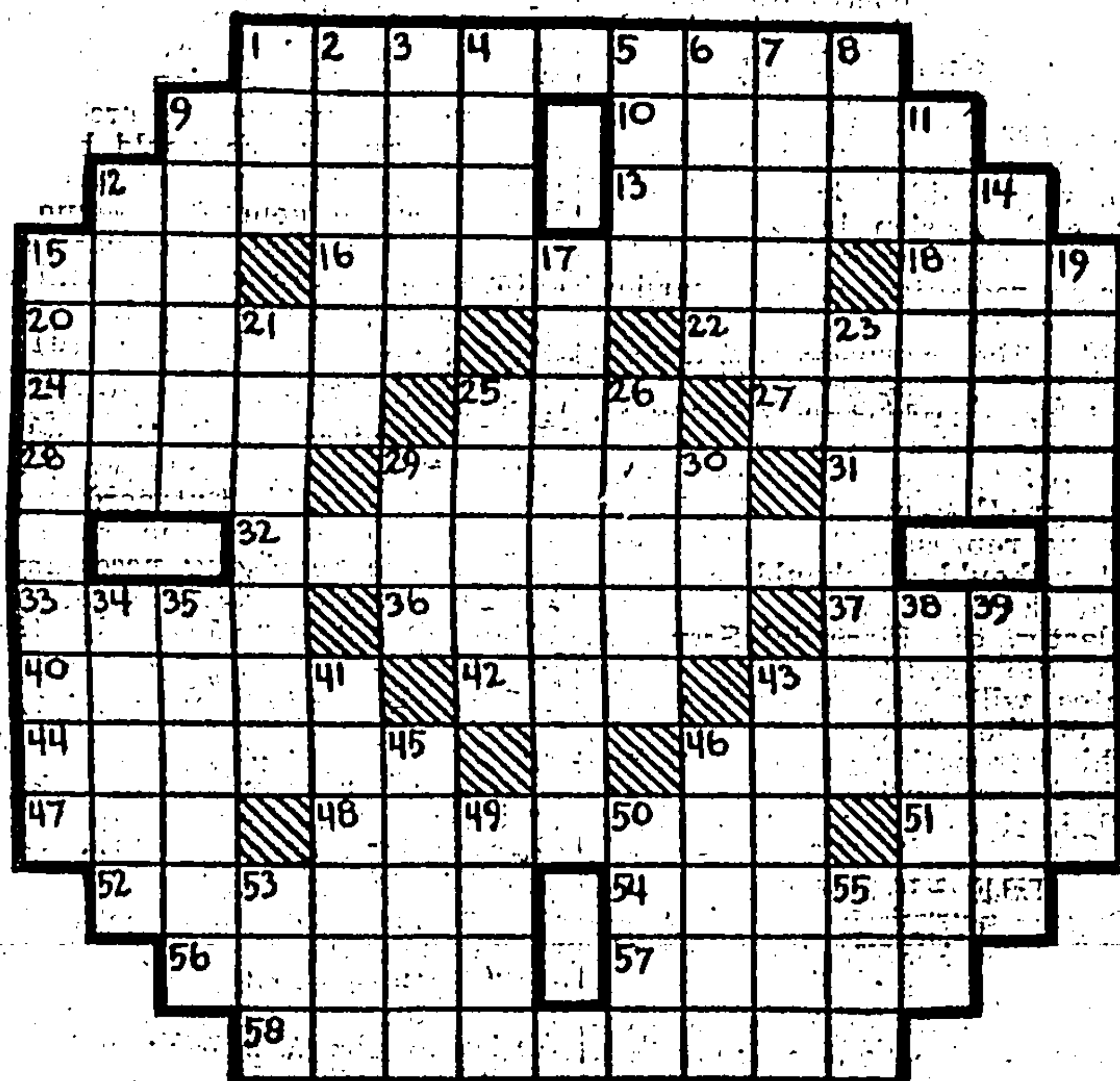
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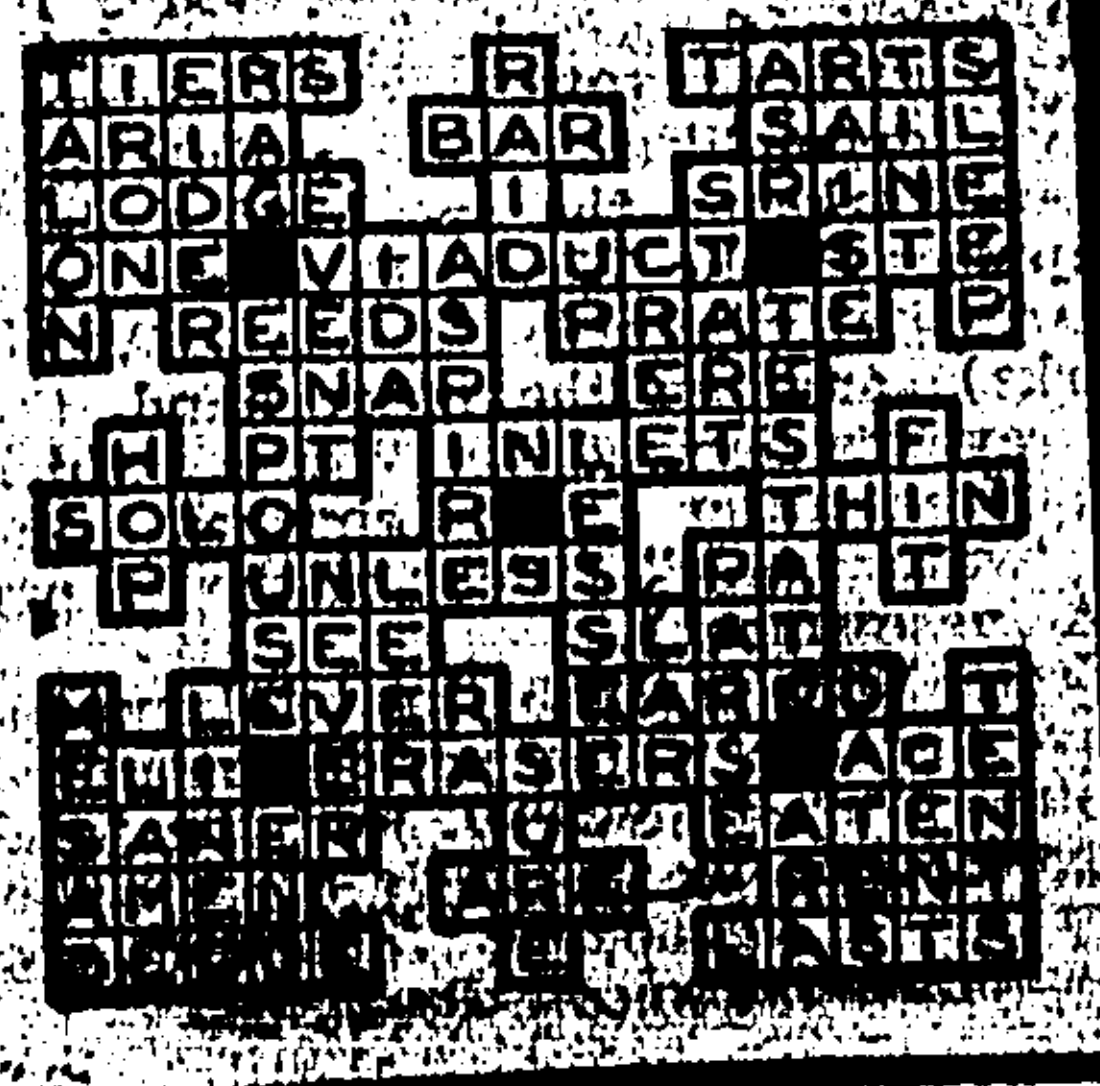


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 1-Trembled
 8-River in France
 10-Strong winds
 12-Decipher
 13-Suffers distress
 15-Knock
 16-Bequeathed
 18-Spirit
 20-Kind of dog
 22-Venerate
 24-Dimmed
 25-Sum up
 27-Ventures
 28-Greek god of war
 29-Pen-name of Mary Evans Cross
 31-Japanese coin (pl.)
 32-Tough
 33-Acts (Latin)
 36-Growing out
 37-So be it
 40-Ways of walking
 42-City thoroughfares (abbr.)
 43-Colloquialism
 44-Unroll

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
 46-Close to
 47-As written (Mus.)
 48-Male falcon
 51-Meridian (abbr.)
 52-Ancient Grecian theaters
 54-United
 56-Eagles
 57-A salient angle (Arch.)
 58-Declarers
VERTICAL
 1-A bag
 2-Cowled
 3-Beneath
 4-Consider
 5-Incites
 6-More uncommon
 7-Struck out, as a vowel
 8-Department (abbr.)
 9-Decide
 11-Harsh
 12-Dismal
 14-Fog-horn

VERTICAL (Cont.)
 15-A vegetable
 17-Recording instrument
 19-A harbinger
 21-Having left a will
 23-Feudal tenants
 25-Short-eared mastiffs (Her.)
 26-Old Dutch coin (pl.)
 29-A compass point (abbr.)
 30-Digit
 34-Division of an extended poem
 35-Harangue
 38-Mutilated
 39-Finished
 41-Bristles (Surg.)
 43-One who disposes of by sale
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 49-Feminine suffix (Fr.)
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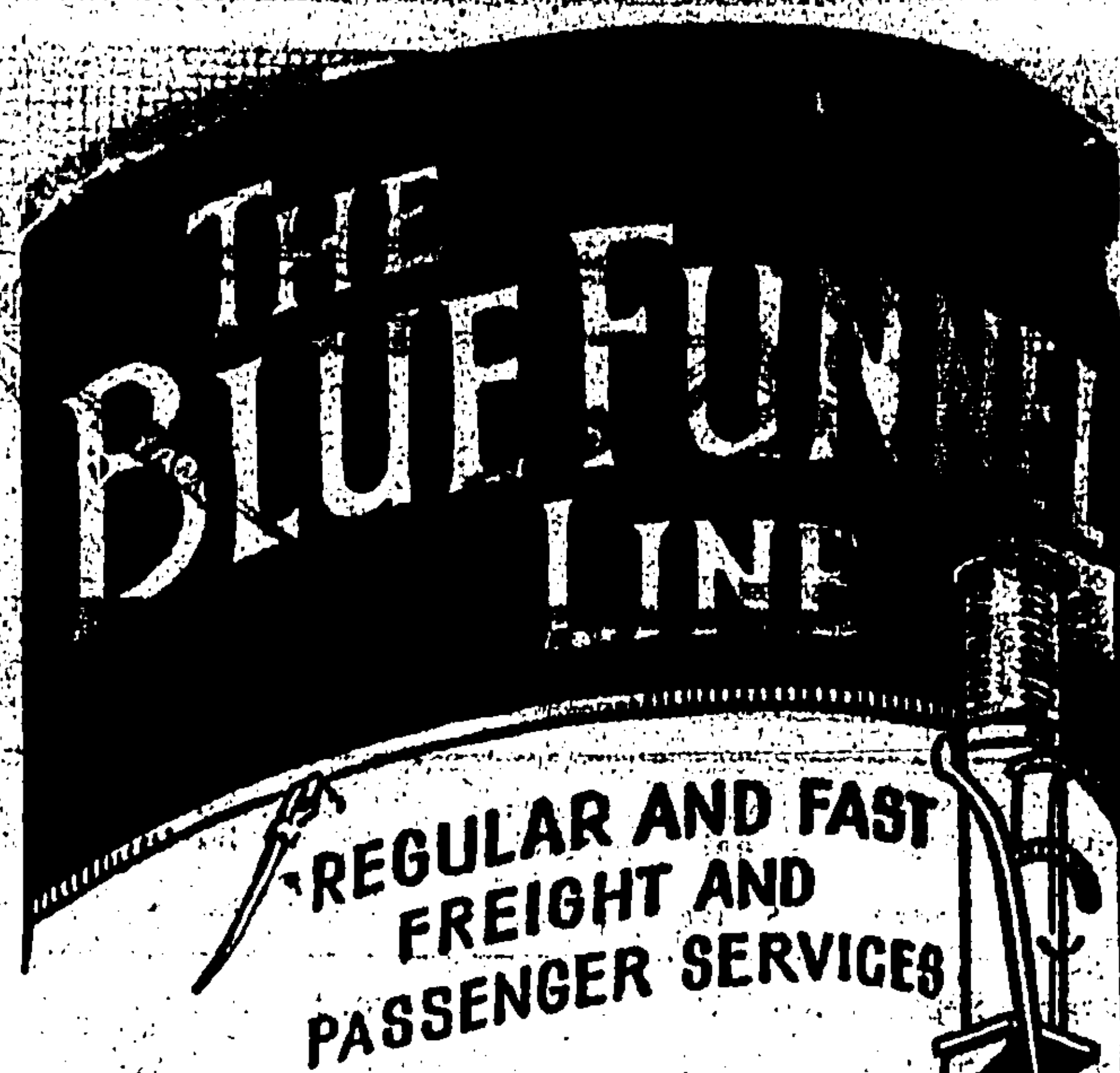
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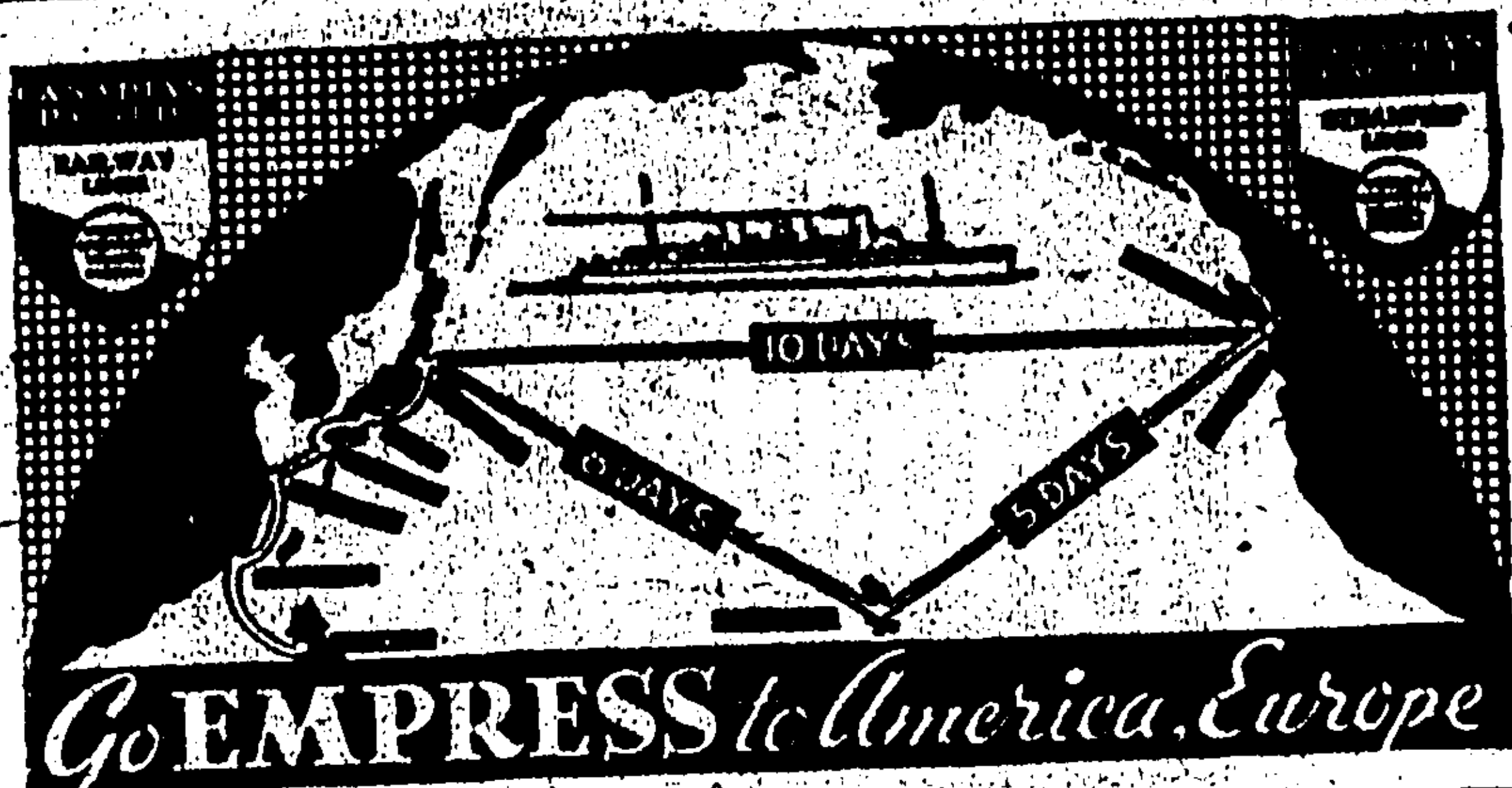
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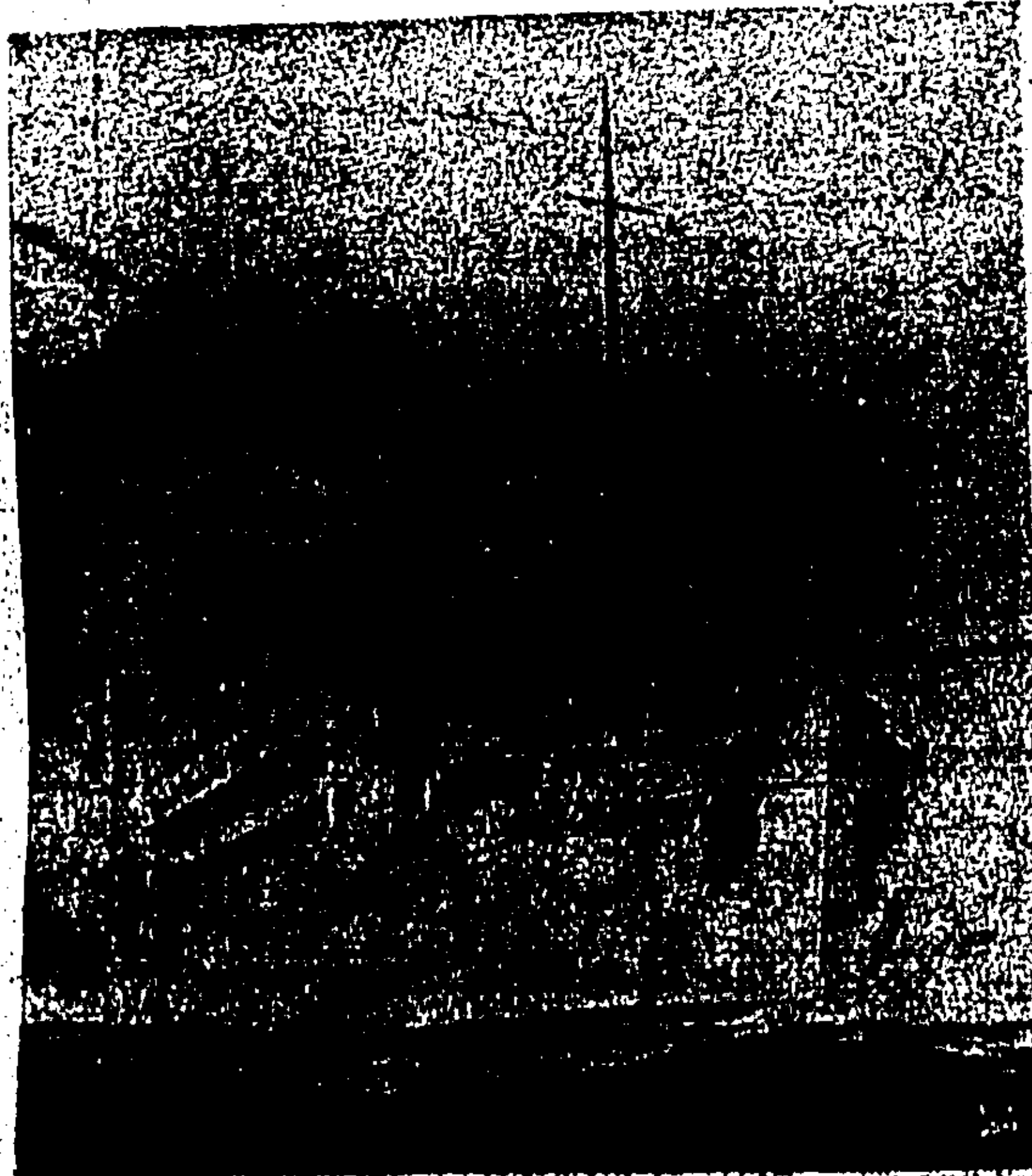
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MR. LO AND WATER FINANCE

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withheld, he advances various reasons, which I must deal with seriatim.
First, the Financial Secretary says that the retention of the 2 per cent rate may be regarded as a general charge to cover the cost of water supplied for communal purposes, hydrants, street cleaning, sewers, public buildings, free supplies to hospitals, etc. The answer is this:—If the rates were reduced to 15 per cent., the landlords would still be contributing nearly one-sixth of the total revenue of the Colony, and there can be no valid reason why the landlords, as such, should be made to pay for this "communal supply".

Secondly, the Financial Secretary says that provision has to be made in the water account for Military Contribution. He does not explain why landlords, as such, should bear the burden of Military Contribution in respect of the water revenue.

RATING ASSESSMENT

Thirdly, the Financial Secretary says that the rates at 17 per cent. are decidedly low. Here I do not know on what grounds this opinion is based. Over one-sixth of the total revenue of the Colony is derived from the 17 per cent. rates, and I submit that one-sixth cannot be regarded as a negligible contribution to revenue. As against the Financial Secretary's observation I may quote from the Economic Commission's Report:—
"Rates:—Some years ago the rates on property were raised from 13 per cent. to 17 per cent. on the ground that the low exchange necessitated an increased revenue to cope with the large portion of the Colony's expenditure which is based on sterling. Since then exchange has risen again to its former level and property owners, who have suffered very heavily in the depression, are looking to Government to effect a reduction in rates to the former level of 13 per cent. While it may not be possible to restore the old rate of taxation, we consider that in view of the severe depression in property it should be Government's aim to bring about some reduction at the earliest possible moment."

Fourthly, the Financial Secretary says that if the 2 per cent rates were taken off, the standard rate for water must be increased. I venture to think that this point, even if sound, has no relevancy on the question of whether the revenue represented by the 2 per cent. rates should, or should not, be a burden of the landlords.

And, lastly, the Financial Secretary says that the fixed charge of 2 per cent. rates will help to stabilise the finances of the Water Department. Again this has nothing to do with the point whether retention of the charge is justified, since nothing is given in return.

THE FIGURES

I come now to the figures as set out in the Financial Secretary's Memorandum.

Dealing first with Revenue, the Financial Secretary estimates that revenue for water for 1937, on the basis of the new charges, amounts to not \$2,172,927.00, which includes a sum of \$1,498,200.00 for charges for consumption, the balance being made up by the 2 per cent. rates and by meter rents, etc., less military contribution at 20 per cent.

From the official answers to my questions mentioned above, it would appear that the total revenue from the Water Service is \$1,617,633.34, made up of \$930,900.00 calculated on the basis of the new charges for the period 1st January to 31st July, 1938; an actual receipt of \$243,841.02 for Meter and Fire Service Rentals; and \$442,892.32 being the 2 per cent. rates. Although it was pointed out that Meter and Fire Service Rentals being payable in advance, the total figure for the whole year would not greatly exceed the figure for the seven months (\$243,841.02), I cannot but feel that this is too conservative an estimate, for I should imagine that the number of people who commence new businesses, or take new meters for domestic supplies for a period of five months, cannot be negligible. Apart from this it would seem that, based on the seven months' figures as above stated, the revenue for the whole year will be \$1,595,828.57 for water charges, \$243,841.02 for Meter and Fire Service Rentals, and \$759,243.97 being 2 per cent. rates, making a total of \$2,598,913.56. It will thus be seen that this total exceeds the Financial Secretary's estimate of \$2,172,927.00 by \$425,986.56.

I am aware that the figure revenue for water will be adversely affected by the water restrictions now in force. But the Financial Secretary obviously did not base his estimate of water revenue on the possibility of drastic water restrictions, and I am content to

estimate is on the conservative side by over \$400,000.

CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED

Coming now to Expenditure, I submit that actual detailed figures by way of proper balance sheets, etc. alone can prove whether the estimates of \$830,627.00 for staff charges, and \$591,834.00 for maintenance charges, are, or are not, excessive. But the proposed charge of 2 per cent. (for 50 years) on \$15,578,000.00 on "expenditure from Revenue estimated up to the end of 1937", amounting to \$311,560.00 cannot in my submission, possibly be justified. If \$311,560.00 is struck off from the expenditure side, it is obvious that the water revenue can be reduced by this amount.

No figures have been produced to show how the alleged past capital expenditure out of Revenue of \$15,500,000.00 is made up, and I, for one, am curious to see those figures. The Economic Commission's Report states that the Commission was informed that the capital outlay, prior to loans, was \$10,000,000.00. If \$10,000,000.00 does really represent the whole of the capital outlay on Waterworks from the beginning of the Colony up to the date of the Economic Commission's Report, then I should be interested to know when, and how, the extra \$5,500,000.00 was spent.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

In the figures supplied by the Water Department to the Economic Commission there was an item for "depreciation 1½% on capital outlay of \$10,000,000.00 prior to borrowing." Of course this charge is in essence the same as the proposed charge of 2% on over \$15,500,000.00, and in connection with this charge this is what the Commissioners said:—

"... It was admitted that in point of fact (a) the works had been fully paid for out of past revenues, (b) that the annual depreciation of \$150,000 was not earmarked or credited to a reserve fund which could be drawn upon for renewals, but was simply paid into the general revenue of the Colony, (c) that depreciation was charged annually upon the full capital value of \$10,000,000 and not upon the depreciated capital value, (d) that normal replacements were covered by maintenance charges under Public Works Recurrent, (e) that extensions and small developments were covered by Public Works Extraordinary and, finally, (f) that in the event of a catastrophe rendering necessary renewal of a major work the undertaking would in all probability be financed out of loans.

"In these circumstances, we cannot agree that there is any justification for the inclusion of this item in Maintenance Charges on Waterworks. To so include it is to mix capital expenditure with revenue, which is contrary to the principles of sound accountancy. The capital outlay of \$10,000,000 has already been fully paid for out of revenue and any major replacements which may become necessary in the future should be dealt with as they occur preferably by means of loans. In our opinion it is quite unnecessary to burden the revenue derived from water with an annual charge of \$150,000 for depreciation."

I need not say more to show the injustice of the proposed charge. But it will be observed that the Commission's criticism was based on the assumption that past capital expenditure had in fact been paid out of past revenue generally and not specifically out of Water Revenue.

PAST PROFITS

But I am not prepared to make any such assumption. Indeed, it may very well be that on a proper account being taken, from the beginning to date, of water expenditure on the one hand, and of water revenue on the other, it will be shown that revenue exceeds expenditure by a very large sum, and that in so far as the past capital expenditure was paid in the past out of revenue, that revenue actually represented "profits" from the water account. In this connection I would like to refer to what I stated in this Council on the 7th October, 1936:—

"The Hon. the Director of Public Works was kind enough to supply me with certain figures in respect of the period 1920 to 1935. The figures show expenditure for maintaining water works on the one hand (which comprises Public Works Recurrent and Salaries attributable to the Water Works), and, on the other hand, the net revenue derived from Water (which comprises water excess charges and the "water rates" (2 out of the 17 per cent. assessment)).

From 1920 to 1935 the total expenditure for the whole period amounted to just over \$7,000,000. And the total revenue came to just over \$22,000,000, showing a net profit obtained by

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China must be complimented on putting up such a great fight against such formidable opposition, for Scotland was, on paper, almost of Interport standard!

The ultimate winners secured an early lead of half a dozen shots which probably encouraged them in the idea that they were set for an easy win, but the Chinese had other ideas and scoring on the following five ends they secured a lead of four shots which they increased slightly by obtaining a good count of three, later on.

But then the Scottish team asserted itself by chalking up a five to level the scores.

And it was a good five, the jack being trailed into a small cluster of back woods to make it quite inaccessible to their opponents.

CHINESE UNDISMAYED

The Scots continued to score and ran into what appeared to be a winning lead of eight shots. Undismayed, the Chinese team fought back once again and with the last head to go, were only a single shot in arrears. With a measure for the shot, McKelvie trailed the kitty slightly to make a certainty. John Pau, who was playing well hereabouts, was slightly narrow with his first and took a shade too much green with his last wood.

The Chinese team undoubtedly played the right game tactically. They went for their shots with a happy abandon and although it would be unfair to say they were lucky, the woods ran kindly for them on most occasions.

H. Y. Hsu, as lead, put up some very fine woods and John Watson had to be at his best to secure the better of him. Both the seconds were good, T.R. Lim shining in the art of removing any opposition woods in close proximity to the jack.

UNAVAILING RALLY

Jimmy Gellatly was in very good form after a mediocre display the previous week, and was probably the best man on his side. Of the Number Threes, Jock McKelvie was easily the better, whilst Bob Duncan, as skip, was steady. John Pau could not quite get the weight of a fast green until the last five or six ends, when he played brilliantly, drawing two beautiful shots at the 17th head for a fruitless revival.

Aitkenhead Shield

Hong Kong

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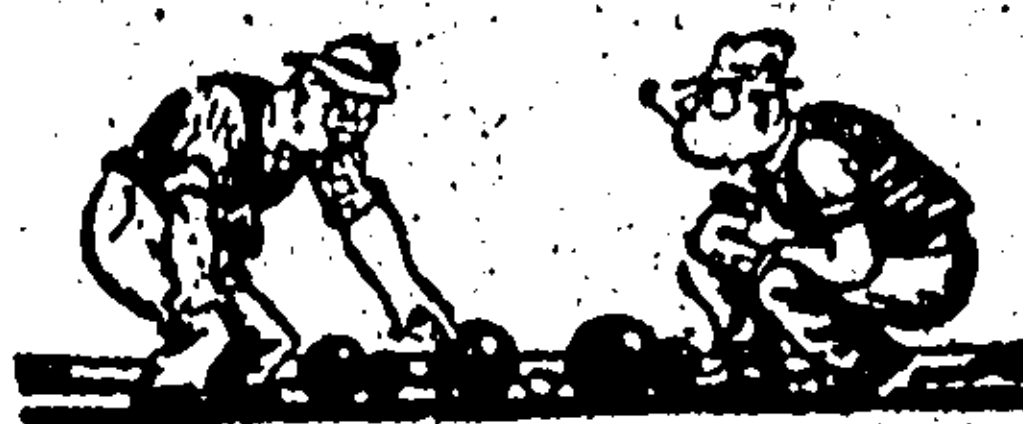
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Rink 4: R. C. Butler, G. G. S. Thomson, L. de Rome and E. Tuck (skip).

A large crowd assembled at Kowloon Cricket Club to see Portugal, this year's favourites, meet Ireland, who had had a useful win against the Philippines in the previous round. They were rewarded with some brilliant play on the part of the leads and second men, especially on the Portuguese side, where Joe Luz and his more famous brother, Raoul, laid the foundation for their team's victory.

UNCANNY PLAY

The former's play as lead was uncanny: on a very heavy green he had only two bad woods and, by bad, I



mean, four feet from the jack, both being on the same head! It was unfortunate for W. Mulcahy that he found his opponent in such devastating form, as he was by no means weak, a remark which applies with slightly less emphasis to H. L. Lockhart, who was similarly rather overshadowed by the elder Luz.

But after the Lord Mayor's show! The threes and skips were not nearly up to the standard of their earlier men. Jack Cavanagh, it should in fairness be mentioned, was suffering from the after effects of 'flu and should not really have been playing. He failed to find his true form, whilst W.V. Field, although securing one or two good shots, was not at his best by a long way.

The experts on the bank found fault with his direction on several occasions, one notable instance being when he first of all insisted on his Number Three playing the forehand with his first wood and then asking him what he could see when about to play the second one; no change had been effected by the opposing player of course.

AN OFF DAY

C. G. Silva had an off day, even his heavy ones failing for the most part to come off, whilst F. X. Silva as skip, although useful on a few occasions, was never brilliant, and rarely needed to be, for once Portugal secured the lead at the 13th head, his team were nearly always lying the shot.

Space does not allow a head-by-head description which I had hoped to give, but I will pick out a few special shots.

Ireland won the toss and Mulcahy put up a medium head, probably the shortest of the day for, in spite of the weight of the green both teams seemed to favour longish jacks. F. X. Silva had bad luck with both his woods on this head, whilst "C. G." moved out Ireland's first shot on the next end to make a close measure which went to Ireland.

DRAW ASKED FOR BUT—

Raoul Luz was unluckily heavy on the fourth end and opened up the head for J. Cavanagh to draw the second shot, after Joe Luz has laid two beauties. R. F. Luz shone in the next head, facing out the shot to count one, the remaining woods making no change. Whilst on the ninth head, W. V. Field tried a couple of unavailing drives when a draw on an open hand was indicated, and actually asked for.

My next note reads "Joe Luz two lovely shots, Mulcahy better with touch—R. F. faced shot (acclamation). Cavanagh unlucky with both drives, "F.X." added one. Score 7—6 to Ireland, tenth head."

The subsequent head was full of changes. With W. Mulcahy lying the shot, R. F. Luz sent down a nice wood to count, Lockhart failed with both his woods, but Cavanagh drove and clipped the jack sideways to count a couple, a rather lucky shot, I may add.

F. X. Silva drew a nice one onto the jack only for Field to trail half a yard for the shot. After a poor head, F. X. Silva played a dangerous shot in the next one, to trail and count only 8 instead of the 4 which they

Aitkenhead Shield

Kowloon

The following are the Kowloon rinks for the Aitkenhead Shield Lawn Bowls match, which will be held this coming Saturday, at Happy Valley, weather permitting, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

AT CRAIGENGOWER

Rink 1: John Watson, S. White, A. Hyde-Lay and R. Duncan (skip).

Rink 2: A. A. Dand, T. Armstrong, G. E. Thompson and E. Kern (skip).

Rink 3: J. V. Ramsay, T. Coleman, J. McKelvie and J. Brown (skip).

Rink 4: W. Hyde, J. M. Brown, V. C. Labrum and J. Hyde (skip).

AT POLICE R.C.

Rink 1: C. M. Silva, H. Gittins, V. Chittenden and F. Cullen (skip).

Rink 2: R. Hall, T. Fergusson, C. Turney and W. V. Field (skip).

Rink 3: J. Stephens, A. H. Basto, V. Atienza and A. Spary (skip).

Rink 4: T. A. Madar, L. Jack, H. Overy and E. C. Fincher (skip).

AT CIVIL SERVICE

Rink 1: C. Vas, C. R. Pereira, C. G. Silva and F. X. Silva (skip).

Rink 2: C. C. Pereira, C. M. Alves, F. V. V. Ribeiro and B. Basto (skip).

Rink 3: F. A. Cheesman, Jack Watson, C. B. Hosking and E. W. Lines (skip).

Rink 4: L. F. Xavier, C. A. Lopes, J. E. Noronha and H. A. Alves (skip).

were previously counting, one of which he had put himself in. Portugal took the lead for the first time only for Ireland to regain it with a similar score, on the next head.

SUPERB BOWLS

The 15th head produced some superlative bowling. Joe Luz commenced with a good one in front of the jack six inches short, but opened it up a little with his next, to let Mulcahy in for the very first shot. Raoul faced him out to lay 8, but Lockhart drew the shot again, and followed it up with a second one, amid a round of applause. Neither of the third men altered the situation, but "F.X." came up with half a pound on to score one amid renewed applause.

Tea was then taken and from that stage Portugal never looked back, scoring 13 shots to their rivals' singleton. The 17th end saw Portugal secure a useful count of four, all playing well, with "C.G." and F.X. Silva each adding to the tally.

Jack Cavanagh produced a great shot a little later when he trailed the jack for two, only for F.X. to carry it back for three shots.

The 20th head was probably the best of the match and had the score been closer, would have caused great excitement and was continually changing before Bill Field produced a great shot to score a singleton. All over bar the shouting, but "F.X." kept in the news by drawing the first shot with the last wood of a very interesting game.

T. D. PATON QUALIFIES FOR ADAMSON CUP

T. D. Paton, returning a card of 71-8-63, qualified for the September Qualifying Round of the Adamson Cup, at Happy Valley, during the past week-end.

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Tsui Wai Pui Much Too Good

RUMJAHN BEATEN IN STRAIGHT SETS

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GUEST LEADS SIRDAR RUMJAHN 5-2 AND THEN DROPS SET AND MATCH

(By "REFEREE")

TSUI WAI-PUI, holder of the Colony Hard and Grass courts Singles and Doubles championships, yesterday entered the semi-final round of the Colony Hardcourt Singles Championship when he comfortably disposed of H. D. Rumjahn, in straight sets, while his younger brother, Tsui Yun-pui, dealt similarly with S. A. Gray, to also enter the last four.

Sirdar Rumjahn and A. E. P. Guest were featured in a long drawn-out struggle in which the former emerged winner after taking the first set and being led in the second at 5-2.

The standard of tennis, with the exception of the Tsui Wai-pui and H. D. Rumjahn clash, was very mediocre, a strong wind which kept changing direction, greatly affecting the play.

H. D. Rumjahn caused some little surprise when he secured a two games lead against the Colony champion, but the latter was finding the wind a little troublesome and only fell into his stride in the third game when he came back from 15-40 to take the game, then levelled the scores in the next game from 0-30.

SIZZLING DRIVES

The fifth game was a long one and went to deuce four times before Tsui secured the lead for the first time with some dazzling recoveries on the backhand and sizzling drives down the side lines, which left Rumjahn standing.

"H.D." staged a partial recovery in the next game which he won to square the scores again, but Tsui brought his deadly drop-shot into play, taking advantage of the cross-wind and jumped into a 5-3 lead. The end of the first set was delayed a fraction, however, as "H.D." won the ninth game, but lost the 10th through playing into Tsui's hands, the Colony champion cleverly luring "H.D." to the net and then lobbed over his head for point and set.

TSUI AT HIS BEST

The second set saw Tsui at his best and he ran away into a 4-0 lead with some glorious driving on the forehand, which left his opponent helpless, while his cleverly concealed variation of pace and length found Rumjahn in difficulties times without number.

At this stage, however, the champion unaccountably slackened off and conceded two games before he took the seventh and eighth for game and match.

The Court was probably the best of the three as it provided a fairly firm grip for both players, although the wind was definitely troublesome and often made a difference of inches in both players' attempts to place down the side lines. On yesterday's form nothing can prevent Tsui Wai-pui from retaining his Colony title.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT A GLANCE

HARDCOURT SINGLES
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat H. D. Rumjahn 6-4, 6-2.
Tsui Yun-pui beat S. A. Gray 6-1, 6-3.
S. A. Rumjahn beat A. E. P. Guest 6-2, 7-5.

WRONG TACTICS

Had Guest, when leading by 5 games to 2 in the second set, varied his length, he might quite conceivably have taken Sirdar to a third set, but he maintained the same length and when his opponent sent over a short one, lost "his eye" and placed out of court or into the net. Tsui Yun-pui proved much too good for S. A. Gray, the latter's service failing him considerably.

The Doubles match between E. C. Fincher and A. V. Remedios and Omar Rumjahn and G. Choa was postponed as the last named player is suffering from influenza. The Committee have given Rumjahn and Choa until next Tuesday to play off this fixture.

REVISED HARDCOURT PROGRAMME

WEEK-END MATCHES FOR DECISION

The United Services Recreation Club announce that the following amended programme in the Colony Hardcourt Singles and Doubles Championships will be adhered to.

TO-DAY

HARDCOURT DOUBLES
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (holders) v. Bick Szeto and C. K. Chan.

SATURDAY, 4 p.m.

HARDCOURT SINGLES
(Semi-final)
Tsui Yun-pui v. S. A. Rumjahn (Umpire G. E. R. Divett; linesmen: C. J.

SPECIAL HOCKEY COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

All members of the Council are requested to attend, as the minutes of the Sub-Committee appointed to investigate the possibility of the Association running the United Hockey Tournament, and to draw up representative fixtures for the season will be the main items dealt with on the agenda.

Tacchi, A. E. P. Guest, G. A. White, Paul Kong, Pang Oi-lam, Ho Hung-yan, J. Gonsalves and A. V. Gosano).

SATURDAY, 5 p.m.

HARDCOURT SINGLES

(Quarter-final)
George Choa v. Wong Fuk-nam (same umpire and linesmen).

SUNDAY, 4 p.m.

HARDCOURT DOUBLES

(Semi-final)
S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn v. Pang Oi-lam and Mok Fuk-in (Umpire Lt. Col. C. Burton, linesmen same as on Saturday).

MONDAY, 4 p.m.

HARDCOURT SINGLES

(Semi-final)
Tsui Wai-pui v. winner of G. Choa v. Wong Fuk-nam (Umpire Major F. T. Baines, linesmen same as on Saturday).

ARSENAL'S SHARP SHOCK

London, Yesterday.

Arsenal were given another severe shock to-day when Derby County visited Highbury and carried off both points. Sunderland won at Huddersfield.

Another surprise was the defeat of Glasgow Celtic at home by Hamilton Academicals. The Rangers scored five clear goals at Motherwell.

Results were:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	1	Derby	2
Huddersfield	0	Sunderland	1
Liverpool	3	Middlesbro'	1

SECOND DIVISION

Newcastle	5	W. Bromwich	1
Southampton	2	Plymouth	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Reading	3	Brighton	0
Watford	1	Newport	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Hartlepool	3	Darlington	0
Wrexham	0	Crewe	4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (1st Division)

Arbroath	1	Queen O'S	1
Ayr	2	Clyde	4

Celtic	1	Hamilton	2
Hibernian	0	Kilmarnock	1

Motherwell	0	Rangers	5
St. Johnstone	4	Albion	0

Third Lanark	1	Aberdeen	1
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Shanghai F. C. Leave Senior League

Shanghai, September 9.
Reggie Grimshaw was re-elected President of the Shanghai Football Association for the 1938-39 season at the annual general meeting yesterday evening at the Shanghai Engineers Club, Way Foong building, Max Spiegler also retained his position as honorary secretary.

Only three changes were made in the official list. William Z. L. Sung resigned from the position of vice-president and the vacancy was filled in by T. W. R. Wilson, E. S. Burt's place on the Executive Committee was taken up by G. L. Aitchison while E. Fauraz's post on the Appeals Committee was given to J. R. Weeks. The full list read as follows:—
President:—R. Grimshaw.

Vice-President:—F. S. Bridges, Capt. H. G. Reed, M. P. de Campos, T. W. R. Wilson.

Executive Committee:—G. L. Aitchison, RSM F. H. Bush, H. A. Coward, J. G. Forbes, S. V. Gash, H. F. Marshall, J. Reyes and the above-mentioned President and four Vice-Presidents.

Appeals Committee:—W. C. G. Clifford, J. R. Weeks, S. S. Hu, J. W. Morcher and Brig-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O.

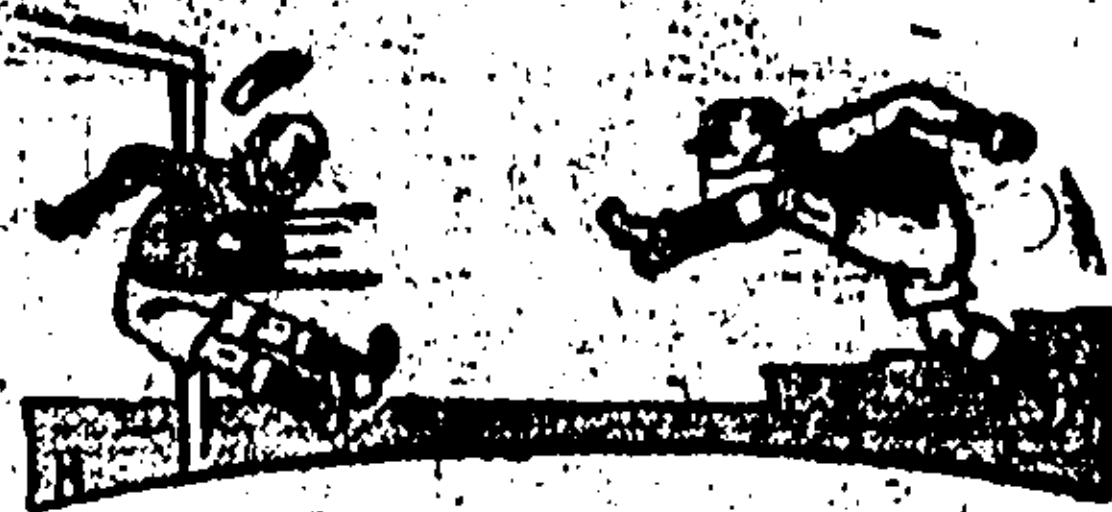
Secretary:—M. Spiegler, Treasurers:—Messrs. Thomson & Co.

League Management Committee:—Those elected by Clubs were C. L. Passos for 1st Division, A. L. McCorkindale for 2nd Division and M. A.

Ferraz for 3rd Division.

Early next week the Executive Committee will hold a meeting to elect in the first place the three representatives to make up the League Management Committee. New teams that have now applied for admission to the League will go under their ordeal in about two weeks time when the Councilors sit down to business.

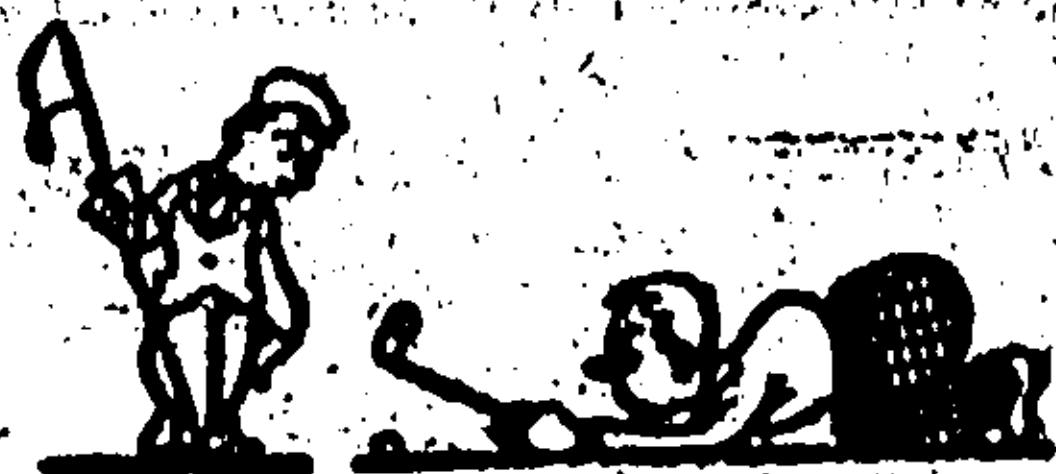
It was learned with regret that the Shanghai Football Club, pioneers of the game in this city, have decided to drop out of League competition for one year. The Club has been suffering from lack of new blood for the past several seasons and the steps taken by the Club officials are not altogether unwise because it was felt in the last few years of competition



they had lost considerable prestige through the inability to maintain the high traditions of their predecessors who less than a decade ago ruled supreme in local football. During the forthcoming season, however, efforts will be made to build up a re-organized team, which could resume the rightful place when the Club join again in the League next season.—N.C.D.N.

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CHARLES YATES DEFEATED

American Amateur Golf Championship

OTHER RESULTS

Oakmont, To-day.

Charles Yates, the United States Walker Cup player and recent winner of the British Amateur Golf Championship, safely negotiated the first round of the American Amateur Championship yesterday, when he beat Von Savage by 3 and 2.

Other notable first round results were:

Johnny Goodman (holder) beat Sid Richardson 4 and 3.

Fred Haes beat E. J. Flowers 5 and 4.

Johnny Fischer beat Ted Bishop 4 and 3.

Ray Billows beat John Levinson at the 20th.

Joe Thompson (Canada) beat Ross Somerville (former holder) 1 up.

SECOND ROUND

Oakmont, later.

There were several surprises in the second round, the outstanding of which was the defeat of Charles Yates at the hands of Edwin Kingsley, who won by 2 and 1.

Pat Abbot also caused an upset when he beat Ray Billows by 2 and 1, while Joe Thompson, the Canadian Amateur Champion, entered the Third Round at the expense of Fred Haes, who was beaten at the 19th.—Reuter.

Robert Brownell beat Reynolds Smith by 2 and 1. — Reuter.

ANNUAL INTER-CLUB GOLF SERIES

Valley Club Team Selected

The following have been selected to represent Happy Valley Golf Club against Kowloon Golf Club in their annual encounter, which will be held on Sunday, October 9:—

H. H. Mundy (Captain), N. J. Book-er, A. Brooksbank, F. Buckle, A. D. Humphreys, D. Humphreys, W. J. S. Key, T. B. Low, J. W. MacDonald, A. McKellar, A. J. MacFayden, G. T. May, W. H. Nolloth, G. M. Park, R. G. Parker, R. S. W. Paterson, J. A. R. Selby, and R. Young.

INTERPORT CRICKET TRIAL ON SATURDAY

Teams Announced

Weather permitting, there will be an Interport Cricket trial on Saturday, September 17, on the I.R.C. ground, at 2 p.m. The following teams have been selected.

Mr. A. C. I. Bowker's XI:—A. C. I. Bowker, L. D. Kilbee, I. H. B. Leckie, A. C. Beck, D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, R. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, A. R. Minu, Capt. Whitmarsh, C. M. M. Man and C. E. Godby.

Mr. H. Owen Hughes' XI:—H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, H. D. Bidwell, N. D. Lloyd, W. Colledge, M. P. Weddon, K. Nazarin, A. R. Kitchell, A. H. Mcder, L. T. Rids, L. D. McLellan and L. S. Tunnell.

The Club ground has been entirely returned and is now ready for play, and the Interport Cricket trial will be held on the ground for the first time.

MR. LO AND WATER FINANCE

(Continued from Page 16)

Government from Water of about \$15,800,000.

Admittedly the whole of the past capital expenditure has been paid for out of General Revenue, and I have attempted to show—I hope successfully—that it has in fact been paid out of Water Revenue. This being so, why the consumer should now be made to pay anything in respect of this past capital expenditure defeats my comprehension!

NO ANSWER

Much has been said about Military Contribution. I hope that some equitable solution of this thorny question will be possible. In the meantime I would like to observe that military contribution at 20% has already been paid on the so-called past capital expenditure of just over \$15,500,000.00, and that payment by way of an annual interest on this sum at 2% will of course involve an annual further payment of military contribution at 20%.

In the modifications of the Financial Secretary's proposals mentioned earlier in my remarks, it was stated—

"In order to meet objections to the repayment from water revenue of past capital expenditure out of General Revenue, it is proposed that the sum of 2% of that capital, intended to be devoted to such repayment, should instead be used to build up a Renewals Fund which will be available to meet large renewals of capital equipment and will thus in future save further borrowing or expenditure from General Revenue Account."

It must be plain to any fair-minded person that the above quotation does not pretend to answer the criticisms against this particular charge which had been placed before Government. Our objection is not directed to the question as to how this annual sum of over \$800,000. should be used: it is directed to the retention of this sum as an item on the expenditure side when, on the figures of revenue and expenditure supplied by Government, such retention is not necessary in order that the actual expenditure may be paid for by actual revenue.

A REMINDER

It is interesting to observe that the "modification" had in fact been considered and rejected by the Financial Secretary in his original memorandum, as the following quotation clearly shows:—

"In principle I think it is most desirable that there should be provision against the contingency of renewal of all works and equipment which may be expected to require renewal within a reasonable period of time, as is the common practice of other water undertakings and similar enterprises. The proper accounting procedure is to build up a Renewals Fund to which such expenditure can be charged. In the absence of such a Fund the cost of renewal must be met by other means; e.g., renewal of the cross-harbour pipe line is now necessary and will have to be met from loan. There is, however, a factor in 'Hong Kong finance which forces a departure from orthodox principle—the military contribution. If annual contributions were made to a Renewals Fund and revenue raised from water charges to cover such contributions, military contribution of 20% would have to be paid on such revenue. The gross additional revenue to be collected would therefore be 25% more than the Renewals contribution. On the other hand if renewals are in due course financed from loan the charges on such loan will, if present practice is maintained be deductible from the revenue assessable to military contribution. Unless and until there is a change in the military contribution system, therefore, the balance of advantage lies in making no current provision for renewals but financing them in due course by loan. Any 'surplus' of revenue which may arise should, as already indicated, be regarded as available for renewals."

GRATUITOUS CHARGE

And yet the public is now being forced to finance renewals not out of a loan (in which case the liability is equitably apportioned between the present consumers and posterity), but out of current revenue which is liable to a 20% payment for Military Contribution, and against the authoritative and expert views of the Financial Secretary set out above.

For the reasons indicated above I submit that, however much opinion may differ as to the other items of expenditures set out in the Financial Secretary's Memorandum, there can be no question that this gratuitous charge of over \$800,000.00 a year as a working expense of the Water Department is unjust and cannot possibly be justified.

Apart from all question of figures, the Financial Secretary's proposals are unsatisfactory for one reason

which is fundamental, namely, that the charges do not take into account the difference between a necessary supply represented by a minimum consumption per head per household, and waste, or extravagant use, represented by a consumption in excess of such minimum consumption.

The desirability of making a more or less nominal charge for the initial minimum supply is frankly admitted by the Financial Secretary, and was stressed by no less an authority than a former Governor in this Council—Sir William Peel. I fear that one inevitable consequence of the new scheme is that the very poor will increasingly resort to the use of street hydrants, with all its obvious objections from the point of view of public health and hygiene. It seems to me a real pity that a scheme conceived in the noble spirit of helping the poor at the expense of the rich should contain factors which make the realization of the aim in view a matter of such patent impossibility.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CAINE

When meters per floor have been installed the effect will be that in many cases the burden of water charges

will be shifted from the landlord to the tenant, and I beg most respectfully to concur in the view expressed by the Financial Secretary, in paragraph 15 of his Memorandum, and I do earnestly appeal to the landlords to adjust their rents in consequence.

Before I sit down I should like to pay a sincere tribute to the Financial Secretary for the obviously fair and sympathetic way in which he has tried to deal with this difficult problem, and for his manifest concern for the poor. His and Mrs. Caine's work and efforts in the cause of social improvement in the Colony have won the appreciation and gratitude of the Chinese Community. It is therefore with genuine regret that I have felt it my duty to make the criticisms I have on his proposals. My own impression is that if he could have formulated a scheme without having to reconcile the irreconcilable views of different Government Departments, it would have materially differed from that now presented to this Council.

Since government has announced that it intends to proceed with the Financial Secretary's proposals subject to the modifications indicated above, and since this Bill forms part of such proposals, I regret that, as a matter of principle, I must record my vote against this Bill.

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12-12-20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 10. Intro:—I'm in the Mood for Love; Everything's been done before; Dancing Time; In the Middle of a Kiss; Cheek to Cheek; My Blue Heaven.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 18. Intro:—Some other Time; A Little Bit Independent; Goodnight Sweet-heart.

12.42 p.m.—Orchestra and Bing Crosby (Vocal).

At Dawning; The Land Of The Sky Blue Water (Cadman); Alice Blue Gown (Tierney, McCarthy)... Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians. Dear Old Girl (Buck, Morse); Just One Word Of Consolation (Williams, Lemonier)... Bing Crosby and the Three Cheers.

No Greater Love—Fox-Trot; Lost—Fox-Trot... Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.

So Do I (from 'Pennies from Heaven')... Bing Crosby with George Stoll & His Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

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4. Patrouille. The Czardas (Ganne). Clardas from 'The Spirit Of The Voyevode' (L. Grossmann). Vienna By Night (Komzak). Indra Waltz (from the Operetta 'In the Realm of Indra'—Lincke).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Variety with the Hill Billies, Frances Day and Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Bell Medley: Intro:—Bells cross the Meadow (Ketelbey); Monastery Bells (Wely); Voice of the Bells (Turban); Fire Bell (Keniginski); Legend of the Bells (Planquette); The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams). Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

Wandering Shoes (Hill Billies); Nobody's Darling But Mine (Jimmy Davis). The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accompaniment.

'The Hit Parade' Selection. Intro:—Love is good for anything that ails you; Sweet Heartache; Was it rain.

'Wake Up And Live' Selection. Intro:—Wake up and live; There's a lull in my life; Never in a million years. Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

What Is This Thing? (film 'Temptation'); Show Me The Way To Romance (film 'Temptation')... Frances Day (Soprano).

So Must Our Love Remain (film 'Dreams come true')... Frances Day (Soprano).

Day (Soprano).

'Big Broadcast of 1938'—Selection. Intro:—Mama, that moon is here again; The Waltz Lives On; You took the words right out of my heart; Thanks for the memory; This little ripple has rhythm; Don't tell a secret to a rose.... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

Home On The Range (arr. Ted & Ezara)... The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accompaniment.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—The Children's Hour.

7 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra. Marche Symphonique (Saciño); Japanese Carnival (Andre de Basque)... London Palladium Orch. conducted by Richard Crea.

Phantom Brigade (Myddleton); Aisha (Lindsay)... London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crea.

Danny Deever (Kipling-Damrosch); Mother O' Mine (Kipling-Tours); A Sea Call (Ramon); Life and Death (Coleridge-Taylor)... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Master Melodies. Intro:—March 'Casse Noisette' Suite; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2; Traumerei; Moment Musical; Romance; Waltz; Spring Song; Invitation to the Waltz; Hungarian Dance No. 6.

Old Vienna Moon (Lebert, Zadowski, arr. Phil Cardew); Live, Laugh And Love (film 'Congress Dances'—Heymann, arr. Herbert)... London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crea.

7.36 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.38 p.m.—Bizet—The Fair Maid Of Perth Suite. Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—London Relay—'World At

fairs'. A talk by the Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.O.M.G., K.B.E.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Advance In The Air'. A programme devised and produced by Felix Felton.

9 p.m.—Studio—A Concert by Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Prelude; 2. Minuetto; 3. Adagietto; 4. Carillon (from 'L'Arlesienne Suite—Bizet).

Songs by Malcolm McEachern (Bass): Gentlemen, Good-Night (Lockton & Longstaffe); In Praise Of Ale (Anon, Cedric Sharpe); Speed! (Flotsam & Jetsam); Old Stay At Home (Flotsam & Jetsam).

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Request Programme.

1812 Overture (Tchaikovsky)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards conducted by Lieut. R. G. Evans.

Songs My Mother Taught Me (Macfarren-Dvorak)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Piano accomp. by Frederick Schauwecker.

Symphony No. 4—Andante Cantabile (Widor)... Guy Weitz, Hon. Organist to His Eminence, Cardinal Bourne. Played on the Organ of Westminster Cathedral London.

One Fine Day (from 'Madam Butterfly'—Puccini)... Rosetta Pampiani (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss)... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

Beautiful Italy (from the Operetta 'Paganini'—Lehar, Herbert)... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with the Lyceum Theatre Chorus & Orchestra.

Moto Perpetuo, Op. 11 (Paganini)... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with piano accompaniment by Marcel Gazelle.

La Zingarella (Paisiello)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

Bolero (Ravel)... The Lamporeux Orchestra of Paris cond. by Maurice Ravel.

10.45 p.m.—London Relay—'Stand And Deliver'. A history of highway robbery in England by Leonard Cottrell. Produced by John Cheate.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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♠ J
♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ 10 6 5 3
♣ Q 10 4
♠ K Q 10 8
♥ 10 4
♦ J 7 2
♣ A J 5 3
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♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 8
♦ A K Q 9
♣ 8 4
♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ K Q J 5 5
♣ K 8 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	10
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West open the King of spades, then shifted to a low diamond (this was the play which East complained). A trump lead followed by another one later would have set the hand). Declarer trumped the diamond, ruffed a spade in dummy and led a small club to his King, West winning with the Ace and returning the same suit. Declarer finessed dummy's ten, then carefully drew one round of trumps. East's only trump was now gone and Declarer was able to cash the Queen of clubs and by a simple cross-ruff win all the remaining tricks—all in all a fine hand for North and South and a

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Thoroughbreds Don't Cry." Drama storms straight from the screen to your heart in the exciting story of two kids—one from a castle and one from the gutter—who come fighting through. With Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, Sophie Tucker, C. Aubrey Smith and Ronald Sinclair.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"She's Got Everything." Ann Sothern fights valiantly to pay off a large collection of inherited debts in her latest romantic comedy, but finally abandons the fight to accept romance. Gene Raymond again appears opposite the star, and Helen Broderick and Victor Moore are seen in important roles.

AT THE STAR—"Topper." with Gary Grant, Roland Young and Constance Bennett. An uproarious comedy with Roland Young as the hen pecked husband who finds himself nightmare. The picture is highly recommended.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Borneo." Martin Johnson's last and greatest adventure film, taken but a few weeks before his death in the world's most mysterious island and bringing for the first time to any camera many fantastic scenes and strange new animals.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"100 Men And A Girl." with Deanna Durbin, Adolphe Menjou and Alice Brady. A comedy drama with music featuring Deanna Durbin and Leopold Stokowski the famous conductor.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Having A Wonderful Time." with Ginger Rogers and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. The film's version of Arthur Koher's Broadway stage hit, bringing Ginger Rogers and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in a triumphant, co-starring drama with comedy. The story is a simple but human chronicle to two young people frantically trying to grasp a few hours of blissful romance in a vacation camp.



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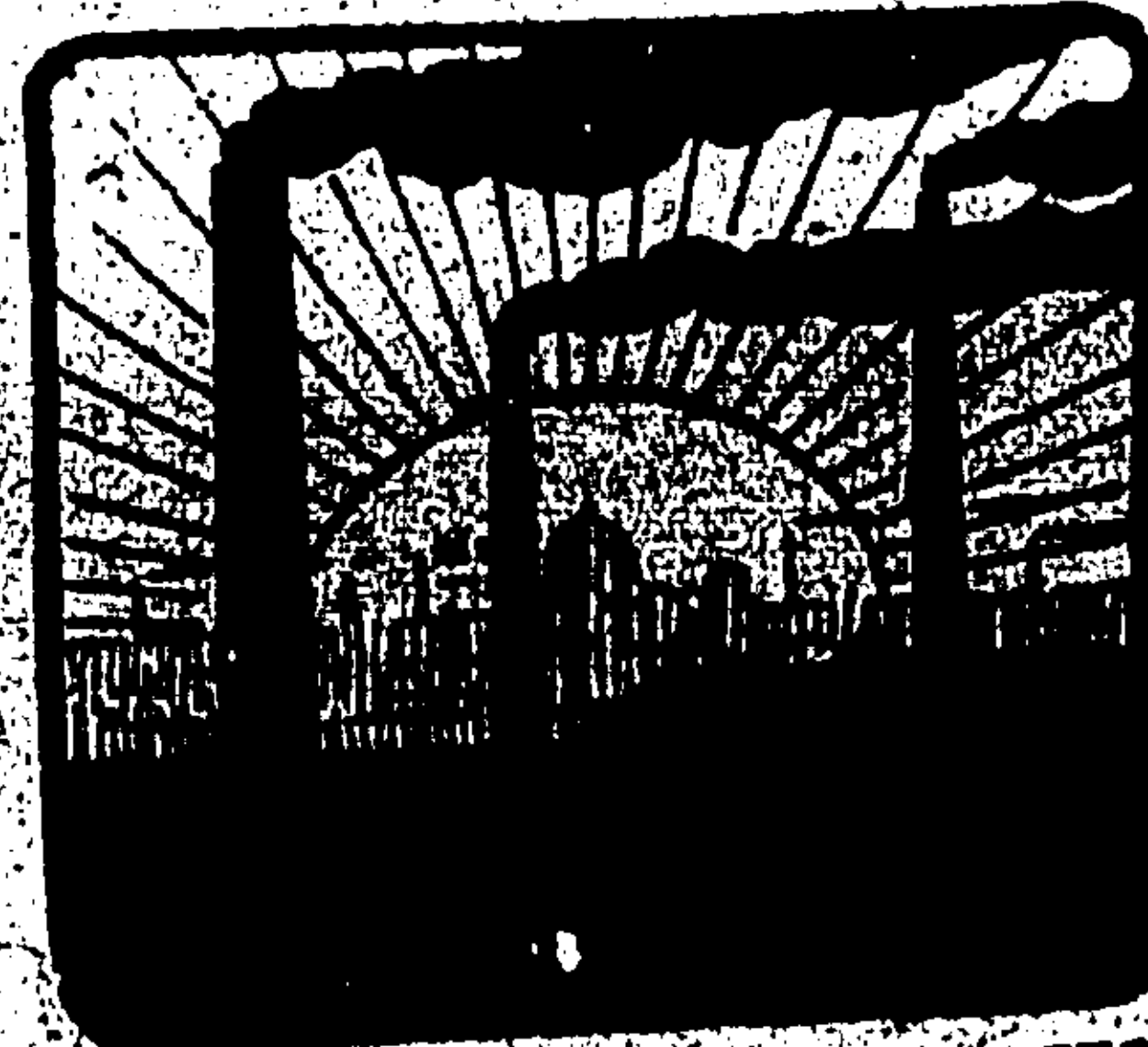
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Capetown, To-day.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's persistent courage and will not to accept defeat in solving the Czech problem, have electrified South Africa.

News of the British Premier's proposed journey to Germany, was broadcast to theatre audiences in cities and to more solitary listeners on the veldt.

Mr. Chamberlain's action is the subject of glowing tributes in lobby circles and also among prominent persons in the South African Union.

CANADIAN MESSAGE

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, last night issued a statement revealing that he had cabled Mr. Chamberlain expressing the "deep satisfaction" with which he and his Cabinet colleagues had learned of the proposed meeting with Herr Hitler.

Mr. Mackenzie King's statement says that the whole Canadian people will warmly approve the farseeing and truly noble action on the part of Mr. Chamberlain.

The statement adds that the world will hope that the conference will create an atmosphere in which, at last, a solution may speedily be found of the problems which threatened

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will reorganise the innumerable races gathered in the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia, perhaps on the lines of the Swiss Confederation."

LOADED WITH DESTINY

The "News Chronicle" says that the Prime Minister wins the credit for one of the boldest and most dramatic strokes in modern diplomatic history. "In whatever guise, the name of Neville Chamberlain is now assured of a place in history."

"The good wishes of the British people will accompany the Premier on his winged mission. He will need them. There never has been an undertaking by any British representative so loaded with destiny."—Reuter.

peace.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT

Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Australian Premier, issued a statement in Canberra to-day, that he has cabled to Mr. Chamberlain, expressing warmest admiration of his Berlin visit and assuring him of the Australian Government's support of his policy and actions for peace.

Ministers express gratification, and hope that Mr. Chamberlain's action will be a decisive factor in the maintenance of peace. They feel it is universally approved, and will bring about a united Empire front.—Reuter.

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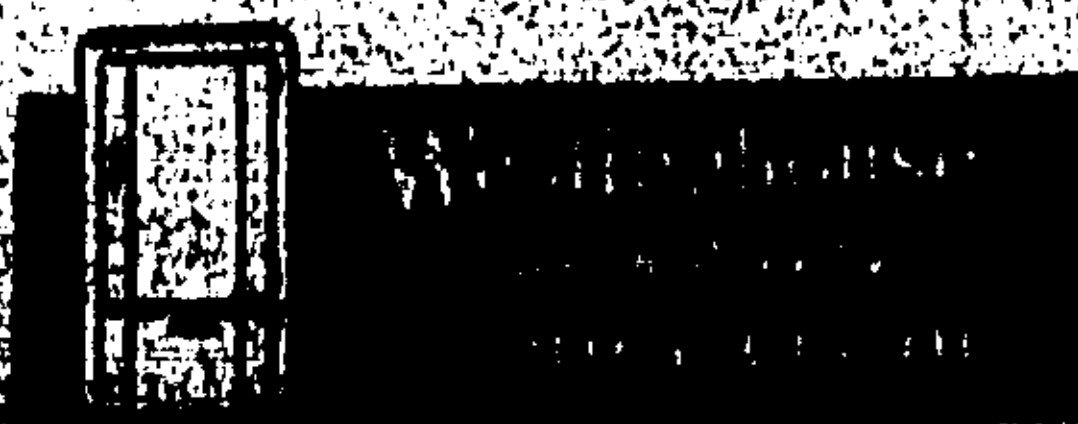
Canton is making preparations to welcome the Indian Medical Mission which is due to arrive here from Hong Kong on Saturday.

Members of the Hong-kong Medical Relief Corps who have arrived here are training in various hospitals. After two weeks, they will proceed to the Nanking-Kiukiang Railway front.—Central News.

It is learned that Miss Anne Winter, the popular local singer, who is leaving the Colony for good on Saturday, will be visiting the rehearsal of Ruddigore by the Philharmonic Society at the China Fleet Club this evening to bid her farewells. It is hoped that as many as possible of members and associates will be present. It should be noted that as Miss Winter has another engagement, her visit will be made at about 8.45 p.m.

A new electric air-raid alarm siren was tested in the central district this afternoon, from the Gloucester Hotel. It seemed far more efficient than any previously tested.

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